

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001774-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 18 May 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many people were arrested in 2017 under section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 in your Police Force Area,*
2. *And how many of these arrests led to prosecutions.*

Also, if possible, please provide me with the same numbers for the years 2016, 2015 and 2014.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 30 May 2018

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary’s crime system for all offences recorded under Section 127 of the Communications Act.

The total number of persons arrested and the recorded outcome for each arrest is provided in the table below. Please note that the Constabulary does not hold conviction data. The information has been provided in two tables as a result of a change to the system on which custody records are recorded.

Arrest outcome	2014	2015
Charged and Bailed To Court	25	22
Charged and Detained For Court	13	4
Conditional Caution	1	
Detained For Court On Warrant	1	
No Further Action	25	34
Opened In Error	1	
Processed on behalf of another force		1
Simple Caution	7	7
To Court Breach of Bail	1	
Grand Total	74	68



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Arrest Outcome	2016	2017
Adult Caution	4	8
Bail to Police Station		8
Charge	19	33
Further Enquiries (voluntary attendee)	5	4
Harassment Information		1
No Further Action (voluntary attendee)		1
Postal Requisition (applied from case)		1
Refused Charge (NFA)	31	58
Reported for Process		1
Transferred - to Police Force		2
Youth Caution		1
Grand Total	59	118

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Information Management Department
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700