



## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001792-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 22 May 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“For the time period 01/01/2014 to 05/05/2018; Please can you provide the number of arrests against individuals whose occupation is recorded as either ‘security employee’ or ‘Doorman’. Please, can you break this data down for each calendar year and by offence recorded group (e.g. violence / arson / burglary etc), and I would also like to have as much information as possible about the individuals; such as age, gender, ethnicity, nationality and location. In cases where names can be disclosed, I would also be very grateful for this information. Also if information is available on if the offence took place during the individual working in security.”*

### **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 4 June 2018

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

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

The Constabulary changed crime recording system during October 2015. Prior to this time occupation was not a searchable field for arrest data and we are therefore unable to confirm the number of occasions a person was arrested for an offence that had an occupation that was either a doorman or security, without manually reviewing all arrests to establish whether this level of information is recorded.

Considering the many hundreds of arrests made in any one week, it would be an excessive task to extract data to answer this request accurately.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: *“...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying*

*with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.*” The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the ‘appropriate limit’ for the Suffolk Constabulary as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting *all* information your request is too broad to be complied with within the £450 limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's current crime system for all arrests recorded where the occupation of the suspect contains the words 'Doorman' or 'Security'. This information is correct for the time frame 19 October 2015 – 5 May 2018.

The tables provided below confirm the total number of arrests recorded, including the offence classification, location, details of the suspect and whether the offence occurred while carrying out the role.

Please note that the information has been supplied in separate tables to ensure no individual is identified from this disclosure.

The offence, job title and whether the incident occurred whilst carrying out the role, is provided in the table below:

Occupation / offence	Not in role				In role	
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017
<b>Doorman</b>		2	3	5	7	11
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)			1	2	1	3
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery		1		1	6	2
Manslaughter (Indictable)						3
Minor wound without intent (s20)						1
Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)		1				
Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)				1		
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious			2	1		



Communications Act 1988						
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)						2
<b>Security</b>			1			
Theft if not classified elsewhere			1			
<b>Security Controller</b>		1		2		
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)				1		
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery		1				
Racially or religiously aggravated common assault or beating				1		
<b>Security Employee</b>	2	4	3	4	3	1
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)		1	1		2	
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	1	1	1	2		
Breach of a restraining order	1					
Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)				1		
Minor wound without intent (s20)		1				
Racially or religiously aggravated common assault or beating						1
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress					1	
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988		1	1			
Theft from shops and stalls				1		
<b>Security Guard</b>		16	18	5	2	6
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)		1	4			
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery			5	1	1	3
Drugs Act 2005 - Failure to attend or to stay the duration of an initial assessment				1		
Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate / family relationship.			2			
GBH serious wound without intent (s20)					1	1
Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)		1		1		
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis			1			
Minor wound without intent (s20)			1			
Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)			1			
Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)		1				
Racially or religiously aggravated common assault or beating		2				
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress		3				
Rape of a female (16 or over) (Indictable)		1				
Sec 4 POA Fear or provocation of violence		5				
Sexual assault on a female		1				1



Theft from shops and stalls			1	2		
Threats to destroy or damage property			1			
Threats to kill			2			
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988		1				
OTHER BURGLARY (Other Building)						1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>

The gender, age and ethnicity of the suspects are as follows:

Ethnicity / Age	Female	Male			
	2018	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>African</b>				2	
30				2	
<b>Any Other Asian Background</b>			1		
48			1		
<b>Any Other White Background</b>			3	2	
27			1		
45				2	
46			1		
52			1		
<b>Bangladeshi</b>				4	
36				4	
<b>Caribbean</b>				1	
31				1	
<b>Indian</b>			1		1
27			1		
45					1
<b>Not Recorded</b>		1		6	
34				1	
40				2	
41				1	
44				1	
48		1			
51				1	



<b>Not stated</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
40				1	
41				1	3
<b>Pakistani</b>			<b>1</b>		
40			1		
<b>White And Black African</b>			<b>7</b>		
28			1		
29			6		
<b>White British</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>
19			1		
21			2	1	
23			3	1	2
24			1	3	
25				1	3
26				1	
27				3	
28				1	
29			2	1	
30			1		
31				2	
32					1
33			1		
34					2
36			1	1	
37				2	
38			2		
39			1		
40	2		1		
41				1	
42			1		
43				1	
44				2	
45		1			
48			1		



**SUFFOLK  
CONSTABULARY**  
*Taking pride in keeping Suffolk safe*

49			2		
50				2	
53				1	
56				1	
57					1
58					1
59			1		
65				1	
(blank)			1		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>14</b>

***Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.***

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;  
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

Suffolk Constabulary is not responsible for the content, or the reliability, of the website referenced. The Constabulary cannot guarantee that this link will work all of the time, and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.



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](mailto: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](http://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