

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001960-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 4 June 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many staff are in the communications/press office at the police force?”*
2. *How much the communications/press office spends on personnel in the past financial year?*

*Please may I request the staff costs figure as the one from the last financial year - 2017/18 - and the number of personnel at the office as your latest available figure.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 5 June 2018

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

The information provided below has been extracted from HR and financial consolidated reports and pertains to the Corporate Communications Department. This includes roles and expenditure within the digital media team, corporate news team and support functions.

1. The strength of the Corporate News Section as at 5 June 2018 in accordance with Human Resource returns is provided below. Please note a proportion of the corporate communications department is collaborated with Norfolk Constabulary and this is reflected within the ‘Joint’ column.

Force	Strength of Corporate News Section	
	Permanent Staff	Agency Temporary Staff
Norfolk	6.00	0.50
Suffolk	6.97	0.81
Joint	8.00	0.00

2. The total pay and Employee spend as per the March 2018 Budget Monitoring Report was as follows:

Force	2017/18 Pay and Employee Spend
Norfolk	£255,761
Suffolk	£252,209



<b>Joint</b>	£404,328
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<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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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](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