



15th July 2020

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002043/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 16th June 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

We write to request information regarding the overnight detention of children. We also want information on your police force's arrangements for fulfilling its obligations under section 38(6) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984 to transfer children to Local Authority Accommodation post-charge.

We would be grateful if you could please provide us with the following information for the year 2019:

- 1 How does your constabulary define overnight detention? More specifically, what time does overnight detention begins and ends? How long does overnight detention last?
- 2 How many children (those under 18) were held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station?
 - A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
 - B If the information requested at 2a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 3 How many children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station were arrested on warrant/after a warrant of arrest had been issued?
 - A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
 - B If the information requested at 3a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
 - C Could you detail the detention period of those arrested on warrant? More specifically, what date and/or day of the week were they arrested? How long were they detained overnight for once arrested and during which hours of the day?
- 4 How many children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station were held post-charge?
 - A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
 - B If the information requested at 4a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?

- 5 How many children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station were held pre-charge?
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
 B If the information requested at 5a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 6 How many requests were made in 2019 under section 38 of PACE by your police station to the Local Authority to transfer children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) to Local Authority Accommodation post-charge?
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
 B If the information requested at 6a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 7 How many requests were made in 2019 for secure accommodation under section 38 of PACE by your police station to the Local Authority to transfer children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) to Local Authority Accommodation post-charge?
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
 B If the information requested at 7a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 8 How many requests were made in 2019 for non-secure accommodation under section 38 of PACE by your police station to the Local Authority to transfer children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) to Local Authority Accommodation post-charge?
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
 B If the information requested at 8a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 9 How many children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station were transferred to Local Authority accommodation post-charge?
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
 B If the information requested at 9a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 23rd June 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below:

- Q1 Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies do not have a definition for Overnight Detention. When looking at data for detention statistics we would look at the hours of 11pm to 7am, 8 hours overnight detention.

Q2

Age	Ethnicity	Number
NORFOLK		
12	Unknown	2
	White - North European	10
13	Unknown	2
	White - North European	17
14	Asian	1
	Black	5
	Unknown	3
	White - North European	49
15	Black	12
	Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	1
	Middle Eastern	1
	Unknown	8
	White - North European	103
	White - South European	2
16	Asian	5
	Black	16
	Middle Eastern	2
	Unknown	11
	White - North European	102
	White - South European	6
17	Asian	2
	Black	20
	Middle Eastern	2
	Unknown	8
	White - North European	134
	White - South European	5
TOTAL		529
SUFFOLK		
11	Unknown	1
	White - South European	1
12	Unknown	1
	White - North European	28
	White - South European	2
13	Unknown	1
	White - North European	18
	White - South European	7

14	Black	3
	Unknown	3
	White - North European	20
	White - South European	11
15	Asian	1
	Black	7
	Middle Eastern	1
	Unknown	2
	White - North European	55
	White - South European	3
16	Asian	3
	Black	4
	Middle Eastern	4
	Unknown	6
	White - North European	108
	White - South European	8
17	Asian	4
	Black	23
	Middle Eastern	2
	Unknown	11
	White - North European	83
	White - South European	7
TOTAL		428

Q3

WEEKDAY	Age	Ethnicity	DURATION	START HOUR	END HOUR	Total
NORFOLK						
Monday	17	Black	20	11	7	1
Tuesday	15	White - North European	13	18	7	1
	17	White - North European	16	16	8	1
Thursday	16	Black	41	17	10	1
		White - North European	14	17	7	1
Saturday	17	Black	37	18	7	1
Sunday	17	White - North European	22	9	7	1
TOTAL						7
SUFFOLK						
Monday	16	White - North European	17	15	8	1
		White - South	20	12	8	1

		European				
	17	White - North European	20	11	7	1
Tuesday	16	White - North European	25	7	8	1
Thursday	15	White - North European	10	21	7	1
Friday	16	White - North European	17	14	7	1
Saturday	17	Black	19	12	7	1
Sunday	16	White - North European	23	11	10	1
			41	14	7	1
TOTAL						9

Q4

Age	Ethnicity	Number
NORFOLK		
12	White - North European	8
13	White - North European	3
14	White - North European	5
15	White - North European	13
16	Unknown	1
	White - North European	22
17	Black	2
	Unknown	1
	White - North European	30
TOTAL		85
SUFFOLK		
12	Unknown	1
	White - North European	12
13	White - North European	4
	White - South European	1
14	White - North European	3
	White - South European	1
15	White - North European	12
16	Unknown	1
	White - North European	17
	White - South European	3
17	Black	2
	White - North European	12
TOTAL		69

Q5

Age	Ethnicity	Number
NORFOLK		
13	White - North European	2
14	Unknown	1
	White - North European	4
15	White - North European	6
16	Black	1
	Unknown	1
	White - North European	9
17	Asian	1
	Black	1
	White - North European	5
TOTAL		31
SUFFOLK		
13	White - North European	1
14	White - North European	1
	White - South European	1
15	White - North European	2
16	White - North European	8
17	Black	1
	White - North European	6
TOTAL		20

Q6

Age	Ethnicity	Number
NORFOLK		
13	White - North European	2
14	White - North European	2
15	Black	3
	Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	1
	White - North European	6
16	Black	2
	White - North European	8
17	Asian	1
	Black	3
	White - North European	10
TOTAL		38
SUFFOLK		

12	White - North European	11
13	White - North European	2
14	Black	2
	White - North European	1
	White - South European	1
15	Black	3
	White - North European	6
	White - South European	1
16	White - North European	8
17	Asian	1
	Black	5
	White - North European	7
TOTAL		48

Q7

Age	Ethnicity	Number
NORFOLK		
13	White - North European	2
14	White - North European	2
15	Black	2
	Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	1
	White - North European	3
16	Black	1
	White - North European	7
17	Black	2
	White - North European	9
TOTAL		29
SUFFOLK		
12	White - North European	7
13	White - North European	2
14	Black	2
	White - North European	1
	White - South European	1
15	Black	3
	White - North European	3
	White - South European	1
16	White - North European	7
17	Black	3
	White - North European	6
TOTAL		36

Q8

Age	Ethnicity	Number
NORFOLK		
15	Black	1
	White - North European	3
16	Black	1
	White - North European	1
17	Asian	1
	Black	1
	White - North European	1
TOTAL		9
SUFFOLK		
12	White - North European	4
15	White - North European	3
16	White - North European	1
17	Asian	1
	Black	2
	White - North European	1
TOTAL		12

Q9

Age	Ethnicity	Number
NORFOLK		
15	White - North European	1
TOTAL		1
SUFFOLK		
12	White - North European	3
TOTAL		3

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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/>

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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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 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
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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
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