



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002293-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 20 June 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Please break down the figures by year, for the past five years.

- How many road rage incidents have been reported in your area?*
- And of those, how many have gone to court?*
- Can you tell us if the culprits were male or female? If so, what percentage is higher?*
- How many incidents of road rage end in a prosecution or conviction?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 4 July 2019

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

There is no specific offence category for road rage related offences within the Constabulary's crime system. The only way to establish the number of road rage incidents with any degree of accuracy is to carry out a manual review all offences recorded that contain the term 'road rage' within the crime text. Such searches are by their very nature, unreliable as there is no guarantee this will locate all relevant offences or confirm the relevance of the term to the offence itself.

The table below confirms the total number of offences that contain this term, by gender of the suspect, where a suspect is recorded:

Calendar Year	Suspect Gender		Not Recorded
	Female	Male	
2014		21	5
2015	3	28	16
2016	3	38	16
2017	1	22	20
2018	6	16	12
2019	4	13	4
Grand Total	17	138	73

The Constabulary does not recorded conviction or prosecution information, which is held by the



Crown Prosecution Service. Therefore, the table provided below confirms the number of offences that resulted in a charge, noting that this is not the only available positive outcome and some of the offences will be under investigation.

Calendar Year	Total Charge
2014	4
2015	7
2016	9
2017	2
Grand Total	22

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.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, 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/>

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.



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

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 40 working 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