



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002372-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 28 June 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

*“In the year ending 31 March 2018 in your police force area:*

- 1. What was the total number of stop and searches **for all reasons**, where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6), by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender and age?*
- 2. What was the total number of stop and searches **for all reasons**, where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7), by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender and age?*
- 3. What was the total number of stop and searches **for drugs** (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6), by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender and age?*
- 4. What was the total number of stop and searches **for drugs** (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7), by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender and age?”*

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 12 July 2019

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and the response is below.

The information provided below relates to all stop and searches recorded that resulted in a more thorough or intimate search undertaken by the Constabularies. The Constabularies stop and search records do not differentiate between the two datasets in an easily retrievable format and would require a manual review of records to establish the data that relates to either parts of PACE.

Please note that gender information is not recorded within the stop and search database.

The total number of stop searches undertaken that resulted in a more thorough or intimate search is provided below by self-defined ethnicity and age group.

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Self-defined Ethnicity	Age Group											Total
	15-17	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	65+	U/K	
Asian		3	1	2								6
Black	7	11	3	3								24
Mixed		1	1	2		1		1				6
Not Stated	1	7							1		1	10
White	4	10	12	7	17	6	4	9	1	1	3	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>120</b>

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Self-defined Ethnicity	Age Group													Total
	10-14	15-17	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-65	65+	No age provided	
Asian			4											4
Black		7	30	9	6	1	3	1	1	3				61
Mixed		2	9	6	3	2								22
Not Stated		1	3	1		1							3	9
White	2	8	30	30	14	16	13	11	4	2	1	1	1	133
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>229</b>

The total number of stop searches recorded where a more thorough or intimate search was undertaken specifically for drugs, is provided below by self-defined ethnicity and age group. Please note that the information provided below will be duplicated in the table above.

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Self-defined Ethnicity	Age Range										Grand Total
	15-17	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	No age provided	
Asian		2	1	2							5
Black	4	11	3	2							20
Mixed		1		2		1		1			5
Not Stated	1	4							1		6
White	4	9	12	5	15	4	4	8	1	3	65
<b>Grand</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>101</b>

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	10-14	15-17	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-65	No age provided	
Asian			3										3
Black		5	30	7	4	1	3	1	1	3			55
Mixed		1	6	6	3	2							18
Not Stated		1	2	1		1						3	8
White	2	5	22	24	9	12	9	7	2	2	1	1	96
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>180</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.***

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/>

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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 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 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 Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 40 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](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  
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