



31st July 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002429/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 11th July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

Whether the force is currently using / trialling predictive technologies as part of police work (rather than administration, for example). Please let me know the name of the provider / system that is being used if so (e.g. Harm Assessment Risk Tool), and the reason for use (e.g. to help carry out risk assessments on individuals).

If algorithms / technologies are being used specifically as part of risk assessments, please let me know the full list of variables that are considered in this process (e.g. a person's GCSE results). Please also make clear what the risk assessment is for (e.g. risk of reoffending as part of custody decisions).

Please can you also let me know whether the force has bought data from additional third party sources, (e.g. from credit reporting agencies, social media companies). If this additional data has been included in the aforementioned predictive technology systems, please also state this.

Lastly, please can you let me know whether files / dossiers (digital or paper) have been created about individuals who do not have criminal records using the data from the predictive technologies and / or additional third party data mentioned above.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 23rd July 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies are not currently using or trialling any predictive technologies as part of police work.

The Constabularies have not purchased data from third party sources.

Norfolk Constabulary is currently trialling an algorithm to assist in deciding whether burglary investigations should be allocated for further investigation. As this may be considered as administration rather than police work, I have attached a previous recent FOI response for your consideration.

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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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
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
Telephone: 01625 545 700