



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002452-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 5 July 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“How many arrests were there for suspicion of drink driving by month from January 2010 to December 2017?

How many of the above were:

a. Released without charge

b. Charged?”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 22 July 2019

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

The Constabulary changed custody system during October 2015 and information prior to this time is held on a legacy system, which is no longer available for bulk data extraction. The information provided therefore relates only to information from October 2015 onwards, with the exception of question 1, which has data from 2014, which was taken from a previous FOI response.

The information provided below confirms the total number of persons arrested for drink drive related offences from 2014 – 2017. Additionally, it confirms the number of persons released without charge and the number who were charged, from October 2015 onwards. The information provided relates to the following offences, noting that some relate to either drink or drugs and we cannot separate this data: ‘Driving - Excess Alcohol,’ ‘Driving - In Charge - Excess Alcohol,’ ‘Driving - Unfit Through Drink/Drugs,’ ‘Driving - In Charge - Unfit Through Drink/Drugs,’ and ‘Driving - Causing Death By Careless Driving When Under The Influence Of Drink Or Drugs’.

Year	Total	Released without charge	Charged
2017	662	63	533
2016	639	68	461
2015	671	12	121
2014	702	-	-

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



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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 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