

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002469-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 13 July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“For each of the following financial years a) 2013/14 b) 2014/15 c) 2015/16 d) 2016/17 e) 2017/18, the total number of arrests for drug driving.*
2. *For each of the following financial years a) 2013/14 b) 2014/15 c) 2015/16 d) 2016/17 e) 2017/18, the total number of people charged with drug driving.*
3. *For each of the following financial years a) 2013/14 b) 2014/15 c) 2015/16 d) 2016/17 e) 2017/18 please tell me the age and gender of a) the youngest person and b) the oldest person arrested for drug driving”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 24 July 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary’s crime system for all drug driving arrests made. Suffolk Constabulary is no longer able to access data prior to 19 October 2015 as the data is held on a legacy system NSPIS, which is no longer accessible for the purpose of bulk data extraction. The data has therefore been provided from 19 October 2015 onwards.

Please note that some of the arrest categories are for drink/drugs and we cannot differentiate between those that specifically relate to drugs.

1. The total number of arrests is provided in the table below:

Driving Offence	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Causing Death By Careless Driving When Under The Influence Of Drink Or Drugs			1
Excess Drugs	171	530	674
In Charge - Unfit Through Drink/Drugs	14	21	16
Unfit Through Drink/Drugs	31	55	61
Grand Total	216	606	752

2. The total number of persons charged is provided in the table below:

Offence	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Excess Drugs	109	348	296
In Charge - Unfit Through Drink/Drugs	11	11	7
Unfit Through Drink/Drugs	19	35	30
Grand Total	139	394	333

3. The age and gender of the youngest and oldest person arrested, is as follows:

Financial Year	Youngest person	Oldest person
2015/16	Male - 17	Male - 66
2016/17	Male - 15	Male - 72
2017/18	Male - 13	Male - 65

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.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
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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 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*

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