

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002503-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 16 July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many arrests in connection with drug driving offences your force made between March 2015 and June 2018, broken down by month.*
2. *How many people your force charged with drug driving offences between March 2015 and June 2018, broken down by month.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 31 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 / Month	2015	2016	2017	2018
Causing Death By Careless Driving When Under The Influence Of Drink Or Drugs				
December			1	
Excess Drugs				
January		12	50	69
February		30	46	56
March		63	50	56
April		41	45	38
May		41	41	41
June		40	47	42
July		49	68	36



August		39	45	
September		39	43	
October	10	32	66	
November	19	51	72	
December	37	52	66	
In Charge - Unfit Through Drink/Drugs				
January		3		2
February		1	1	1
March		3	1	3
April		2	3	
May		1	2	1
June		2	1	3
July		1	1	
August		4		
September		3		
October		2		
November	7	2	1	
December		2	2	
Unfit Through Drink/Drugs				
January		3	5	3
February			8	4
March		7	5	9
April		3	6	6
May		8	10	1
June		5	3	4
July		1	4	4
August		3	4	
September		3	3	
October	1	6	4	
November	12	5	5	
December	8	3	6	
Grand Total	94	562	715	379

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



Driving Offence / Month	2015	2016	2017	2018
Excess Drugs				
January		7	34	4
February		17	30	1
March		39	31	3
April		24	16	
May		31	21	3
June		25	30	3
July		31	44	
August		26	32	
September		25	26	
October	8	24	45	
November	14	35	42	
December	24	32	32	
In Charge - Unfit Through Drink/Drugs				
January		2		
February		1	1	
March		2	1	2
April		1	1	
May		1	1	1
June		1	1	2
July		1	1	
August		1		
September		1		
October		1		
November	6	1	1	
December		1		
Unfit Through Drink/Drugs				
January		2	2	2
February			6	1
March		3	5	3
April		2	4	2
May		4	7	1
June		3		1



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July		1	3	2
August		3		
September		2	3	
October	1	2	2	
November	9	3	2	
December	4	2	3	
Grand Total	66	357	427	31

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.

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<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 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
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