

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002679-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 27 July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“The query is about arrests and cautions of people aged under 18 for possession of cannabis with intent to supply.

Please could you state how many people aged under 18 have been arrested and cautioned for possession of cannabis with intent to supply since 2012-2013.

Please could the information be broken down in the following ways:

By the age of the young person eg 14, 17

By the year eg 2012-2013, 2014-2015

Also, please could you provide one set of figures for arrests and another for cautions.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 8 August 2018

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

Suffolk Constabulary changed custody system during October 2015 and information prior to this time is no longer available for the purpose of bulk data extraction. The information provided therefore relates to the time frame 19 October 2015 – 31 July 2018.

The total number of persons aged under 18 who have been arrested for possession of cannabis with intent to supply, for the time frame referred to above, is as follows including the year and outcome:

Age / Outcome	Count
2015/2016	
17	
Charge	1
Refused Charge (NFA)	1
2016/2017	
16	



Charge	1
17	
Charge	1
2017/2018	
15	
Refused Charge (NFA)	1
16	
Bail to Police Station	1
Postal Requisition (applied from case)	1
17	
Postal Requisition (applied from case)	1
2018/2019 (to end of July)	
17	
Further Enquiries (voluntary attendee)	1

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;
<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
Telephone: 01625 545 700