

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002699-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 30 July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“For each of the following calendar years, the number of “citizen’s arrests” made in your police force area (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 so far).

Please also break the number of arrests down by the type of crime, see below for categories.

If the breakdown by crime type is not possible, please at least provide the overall number of citizen’s arrests made in each year.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 13 August 2018

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

Information concerning whether a citizen’s arrest has been made will be contained within the Constabulary’s call data, we have therefore completed a search of all calls received that contain the term ‘Citizen’s Arrest’ within the incident freetext. The information was then filtered to only include those incidents where the caller has stated that a citizen’s arrest has taken place.

The information provided in the table below confirms the year and incident opening code text, which identifies the nature of the call.

Please note that as a result of a change in call recording system in November 2013, call data is only available from this date onwards.

Incident	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Admin – Administration*					1
Assault Without Injury					1
Crime - Crime - Other		1		1	
Crime - Drug Offences	1				
Crime - Sexual Offence					1
Crime - Violence Against Person				1	1
Public Safety – Safe/Collapse/Ill/Injury/Trap	1				
Public Safety - Suspicious Circumstances/Insecure Premises Or Vehicles			1	1	1



Transport - Road Related Offence		1	1		
Grand Total	2	2	2	3	5

*Admin – This relates to calls received by the Constabulary logged for information purposes only and available for future reference.

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