

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002733-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 31 July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“10-17 arrest data for possession with intent to supply Class A

1. *How many arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, were recorded with the reason ‘possession with intent to supply Class A’ in the following periods of time?*
 - a) *1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016*
 - b) *1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017*
 - c) *1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018*
2. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason ‘possession with intent to supply Class A’ in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were: Male or Female*
3. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason ‘possession with intent to supply Class A’ in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were: Living within the police force area; Living outside of the police force area*
4. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason ‘possession with intent to supply Class A’ in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were: British Nationals / Foreign Nationals*
5. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason ‘possession with intent to supply Class A’ who were foreign nationals in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18, please provide the list of nationalities and break down of numbers by nationalities:*
6. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason ‘possession with intent to supply Class A’ in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many cases had an additional vulnerability flag on their record (for example, CSE, trafficking, Missing, CCE)*
7. *Of the number of cases with an additional vulnerability flag, how many were specifically for Child Criminal Exploitation, in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18?*

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8. *How many arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, were recorded with the reason 'possession of Class A' in the following periods of time?*
 - a) *1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016*
 - b) *1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017*
 - c) *1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018*

9. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were: Male / Female*

10. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were: Living within the police force area; Living outside of the police force area*

11. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many were: British Nationals / Foreign Nationals*

12. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' who were foreign nationals in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18, please provide the list of nationalities and break down of numbers by nationalities:*

13. *Of the total number of arrests of children and young people aged 10-17, with the reason 'possession of Class A' in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18 how many cases had an additional vulnerability flag on their record (for example, CSE, trafficking, Missing, CCE)*

14. *Of the number of cases with an additional vulnerability flag, how many were specifically for Child Criminal Exploitation, in a) 2015/2016, b) 2016/2017 and c) 2017/18?"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 15 August 2018

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

As a result in a change in our crime and custody recording system during November 2015, Suffolk Constabulary no longer has access to extract bulk data form our legacy custody system. We have therefore supplied the information from 19 October 2015 onwards.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all arrests made between 19 October 2015 – 31 March 2018, with regards to persons aged 10-17 arrested for 'Possession with intent to supply - Class A' and 'Possession Class A'.

Possession with intent to Supply – Class A

1. The total number of arrests made, were as follows:

Date	Total
19 October 2015 – 31 March 2016	13
2016/2017	38
2017/2018	40

2. The total number broken down by gender, is as follows:

Date	Male	Female
19 October 2015 – 31 March 2016	13	0
2016/2017	36	2
2017/2018	36	4

3. The total number of those arrests concerning children with a home address of living within or outside Suffolk, is as follows:

Date	Home address inside Suffolk	Home address outside Suffolk	Unknown
19 October 2015 – 31 March 2016	9	4	0
2016/2017	15	20	3
2017/2018	21	17	2

4. Of the total number of arrests, the number that were British or Foreign Nationals as follows:

Date	British National	Foreign National
19 October 2015 – 31 March 2016	6	7
2016/2017	37	1
2017/2018	36	4

5. The foreign nationalities, are as follows:

Date	Belgian	Lithuanian	Polish	Portuguese	Romanian	Somali
19 October 2015 – 31 March 2016	1	3		2		1
2016/2017			1			
2017/2018		1		2	1	

6. A total of 1 arrest had an additional vulnerability flag, in 2017/18.

7. None related to Child Criminal Exploitation.

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8. The total number of arrests made, were as follows:

Date	Total
19 October 2015 – 31 March 2016	4
2016/2017	14
2017/2018	25

9. The total number broken down by gender, is as follows:

Date	Male	Female
19 October 2015 – 31 March 2016	4	0
2016/2017	13	1
2017/2018	25	0

10. The total number of those arrests concerning children with a home address of living within or outside Suffolk, is as follows:

Date	Home address inside Suffolk	Home address outside Suffolk	Unknown
19 October 2015 – 31 March 2016	2	2	0
2016/2017	12	1	1
2017/2018	18	6	1

11. Of the total number of arrests, the number that were British or Foreign Nationals as follows:

Date	British National	Foreign National
19 October 2015 – 31 March 2016	4	0
2016/2017	12	2
2017/2018	21	4

12. The foreign nationalities, are as follows:

Date	Irish	Lithuanian	Polish	Portuguese	Spanish
2016/2017		1		1	
2017/2018	1		1	1	1

13. A total of 1 arrest had an additional vulnerability flag, in 2017/18

14. None related to Child Criminal Exploitation.

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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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:

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Wilmslow
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