



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002748-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 31 July 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

“Can you please list what people in custody eat and drink all day, in your authority? I do mean breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as snack and drinks by 'all day'.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 5 August 2019

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and the response is below.

The attached menu provides the meals available to detainees whilst in police custody.

Meals are generally serviced at set times so as to reduce the impact of a Detention Officer having to constantly provide food when there are other duties they are also required to carry out. However, should a detainee arrive at custody and haven't eaten for a while, they will be offered the opportunity to have a meal shortly after arriving. The Constabularies will also consider any exceptional circumstances, such as medical conditions.

With regards to drinks, water is available in each cell and can be dispensed by the detainees themselves as required. A choice of hot and cold drinks are also available.

The Constabularies custody policy states as follows, with regards to food and drink:

Food and Drink

4.43 At least two light meals and one main meal to be offered in a 24 hour period. Meals and drinks will be provided at set times and at other times which take account of when a detainee last had a meal or drink e.g. if a detainee has completed a long journey or if particular circumstances require e.g. a medical condition. Whenever necessary, advice shall be sought from the appropriate health care professional. As far as practicable, meals provided will offer a varied diet and meet any special dietary needs or religious beliefs.

4.44 Because of the risk of items being smuggled into custody in food brought in by detainee's family or friends, unless there are exceptional circumstances e.g. strict dietary or religious reasons, this will not be allowed. In deciding whether to allow meals to be supplied in this way, the custody officer must take account of the risk and ensure that such food is thoroughly searched.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 40 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and 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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