



14th September 2020

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002771/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 14th August 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

How many known incidents have there been in the last 5yrs where staff members have used the siren and/or blue lights on an emergency vehicle when there was no legitimate reason for doing so

How many of the known incidents lead to any sort of formal disciplinary action or informal action

Please give me the first five examples in each year where a staff member has used the siren and blue lights where there was no reason for doing so.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 26th August 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below.

The Joint Professional Standards Department has undertaken a review of public complaints, recorded between 1st August 2015 and 31st July 2020, which contain an allegation category of 'Traffic Irregularity'. A freetext search of internal conduct cases has also been carried out using the keywords of 'blue light', 'siren' and 'emergency'. Please see below:

NORFOLK

One internal conduct case has been recorded in relation to a Police Officer driving an unmarked police vehicle and using the emergency blue lights and siren, when not authorised. The officer received a written warning at a misconduct meeting.

SUFFOLK

One internal conduct case has been recorded where a member of the Special Constabulary exceeded their driving authorisation by using the emergency blue lights. The officer received a final written warning at a misconduct meeting.

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, 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 40 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
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.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 20 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
Telephone: 01625 545 700