



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002855-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 8 August 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

"I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your police force.

- 1) The number of arrests made in connection with Class A drug possession/dealing in public houses and nightclubs across the police force area for 2016, 2017, 2018 and thus far in 2019.*
- 2) A further breakdown of what type of Class A drugs people were arrested in connection with possession and dealing in public houses and nightclubs across the police force area for 2016, 2017, 2018 and thus far in 2019.*
- 3) The amount of people prosecuted for possession of Class A drugs and the amount of people prosecuted for dealing Class A drugs across the police force area for 2016, 2017, 2018 and thus far in 2019."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 21 August 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all drug offences recorded where the location is recorded as a Public House or a Night Club.

- The total number of arrests made in connection with Class A drug possession/dealing in public houses or nightclubs is provided in the tables below, by drug type. Please note that the data relies on the location information being accurately recorded as either a pub or a club.

Norfolk Constabulary	2016	2017	2018	2019
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine	19	8	4	8
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - MDMA	3	1	1	2
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Other	1		1	

Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Cocaine	2			1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Crack	1			
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Heroin	1			
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - MDMA	1	1		
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Other		1		
Total	28	11	6	11

Suffolk Constabulary	2016	2017	2018	2019
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine	7	10	3	2
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - MDMA		2		
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Other	1		1	
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Cocaine		2		
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine				1
Total	8	14	4	3

2. As Above

3. The Constabularies do not hold prosecution information and therefore the information provided below reflects the number of persons that were charged with offences of possession or dealing of Class A drugs. Please note that this relates to all offences and not only those that have occurred in a pub or club.

Norfolk Constabulary	2016	2017	2018	2019
Possession of Drugs	140	186	189	89
Trafficking of Drugs	121	141	172	54
Total	261	327	361	143

Suffolk Constabulary	2016	2017	2018	2019
Possession of Drugs	104	136	122	35
Trafficking of Drugs	90	198	82	32
Total	194	334	204	67

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.

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
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