



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002864-19

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:

*“Please note, I am interested **ONLY** in **data relating to emergency NHS staff**:*

- 1. How many people have been arrested under the law detailed above by your police force, since November 2018?*
- 2. How many of these arrests were, or are in the process of being, prosecuted (ie; how many of those arrests became active proceedings by the Crown Prosecution Service)?*
- 3. If applicable, how many have been convicted?*
- 4. What has been the average length of sentence given?*
- 5. If possible, please break the assault victims down into type of NHS staff. Eg: nurse, paramedic, doctor etc.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 28 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 arrests of persons under the offence of ‘Assault on Emergency Workers’, recorded from 1 November 2018 to 27 August 2019. The arrest data was then manually reviewed to extract those where the victim is recorded to have been an NHS employee. Please note that only offences that specifically reference the occupation of the emergency worker is NHS staff, will be included.

The total number of arrests is as follows, confirming the occupation of the victim:

Staff Type	Norfolk	Suffolk
Healthcare Assistant	2	
Nursing Staff	3	
Paramedic	13	6
Security Officer	1	
Security Officer & Nursing Staff	2	

The Constabularies do not hold conviction data and therefore the table provided below confirms the number of persons charged following an arrest:

Constabulary	Total Charges
Norfolk	14
Suffolk	4

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
Telephone: 01625 545 700