



9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 002905/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

Please state how many of the following crimes were alleged to have occurred and recorded by your force as happening in Sports Direct and JD Sports shops:

Assault offences to include all assault offences (8.01, 8.04, 8.05, 8.06 and 8.07) as well as common assault (105) in the years (i) 2016, (ii) 2017 and (iii) 2018.

Please note I am only interested in assaults which involved members of the public assaulting employees of Sports Direct or JD Sports. The data should be broken down by year and by whether the assault happened in Sports Direct or JD Sports.

In addition, please provide me with a summary from the crime report notes/modus operandi (MO) for the five most recent cases. I understand these will have to be redacted to remove private information.

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes where the location includes either 'J D', 'JD' or 'Sports Direct'. If a crime has been recorded where the location does not specifically contain one of these terms, they will not be identified using this search criteria.

The below includes only those incidents where a member of staff has been assaulted by a customer.

Year	Shop	Offence	Details
<b>NORFOLK</b>			
2017	Sports Direct	Assault without Injury – Common assault & battery	Following theft from Sports Direct, the manager of the store, has attempted to detain the suspect for the theft and has been assaulted by the suspect
<b>SUFFOLK</b>			
2018	Sports Direct	Assault without Injury – Common assault & battery	Shop manager has assisted a support worker who was being hit by the person in their Care. The manager has been pushed causing no injury.
2018	Sports Direct	Assault without Injury – Common assault & battery	During an altercation a male threw a cup of hot coffee at the manager of the store resulting in

			coffee landing on their face, all down their uniform, ruining their trainers.
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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](mailto: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](http://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