



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002913-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 13 August 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Could you please tell me, for Latitude festival in 2018 and 2019:

- 1) The drugs confiscated/seized, broken down by type and quantities.*
- 2) What was the biggest single confiscation at the festival?*
- 3) Please provide any pictures taken by the police of these seized drugs.*
- 4) How many people were arrested for drug offences at the festival?*
- 5) How many of those were prosecuted as a result?*
- 6) How much did the festival pay for policing costs in each year?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 28 August 2019

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

The Constabulary has completed a search for all drug offences recorded where the location is recorded as, or sounds like, ‘latitude’, ‘Lattitude’ or ‘Henham’ during the dates of the festival.

The table provided below confirms the total number of drug offences, the type of drug where recorded, the amount of drugs seized, the number of arrests made and whether an individual was charged as a result. Please note that some of the offences are under investigation or pending the results of drug analysis to establish whether the substance found was illegal.

The Constabulary does not hold prosecution data.

| Drug | Quantity | Arrests | Charge | Photos |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 2018 | | | | |
| Nitrous oxide capsules | 10 | 2 | No | No |
| Drug not known | 0 - Trace amount | 1 | Under investigation | No |



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|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------|----------|
| Cannabis | 1 gram | 0 | No | No |
| Drug not known | 5 wraps/pieces | 1 | Yes | Attached |
| Cannabis | 1 gram | 0 | No | No |
| Drug not known | 0 - Trace amount | 2 | No | Attached |
| Cannabis | 1 gram | 0 | No | No |
| Drug not known | 0 - Trace amount | 2 | No | No |
| Cannabis | 3 cigarettes/reefers | 0 | No | No |
| Not Known | Not known | 1 | Yes | No |
| 2019 | | | | |
| Suspected Class A wraps | Not stated | 2 | Under investigation | Exempt |
| Tablets, cannabis, crystals | Not stated | 3 | Under investigation | Exempt |
| MDMA, cocaine | Not stated | 2 | Under investigation | Exempt |
| Nitrous Oxide cannister | Not stated | 1 | Under investigation | No |
| Cannabis | 10 cannabis buds | 1 | Under investigation | No |
| Nitrous Oxide cannisters | Not stated | 2 | Under investigation | No |
| Tablets, Nitrous Oxide, crystals | Not stated | 3 | Under investigation | Exempt |

Photographs have been attached for two cases from 2018, however photographs relating to the 2019 cases have not been provided as a result of exemptions within the Act, as these investigations are under investigation.

Latitude makes no request for Special Policing Services (SPS). However, owing to the number of people that attend the event, the Constabulary puts a policing provision in place and a donation is provided as a result, noting that this is not SPS. The donation provided to the Constabulary is provided below, which is net of VAT:

2018/19 - £39,000

2019/20 - £41,370

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Where exemptions are relied upon s17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which:

- a) States that fact,
- b) Specifies the exemption(s) in question and



c) States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The information you have requested is exempt, by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 30(1) – Investigations

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption and requires the consideration of a public interest test.

Public Interest Test

(When applying a qualified exemption a public authority is required to consider whether 'in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information')

Section 30 - Investigations

Favouring Disclosure

Investigations are expensive, provision of information relating to the investigation will ensure the public are well informed as to the way in which finances are being distributed with regards to cold case reviews and that such crimes are being effectively managed.

Disclosure of information may encourage members of the public to provide intelligence to the Constabulary by raising awareness of the progress of the such investigations.

Favouring Non-Disclosure

Information concerning live investigations will seldom be disclosed as any disclosure may jeopardise the investigation process and impact on any future investigative leads and outcomes.

Any information placed in the public domain whilst there is an active investigation ongoing to establish a resolve to the case, would jeopardise ongoing work actively being undertaken.

It is the Constabulary's aim to apprehend offenders and where an investigation remains on-going, to provide any information that may assist an offender in establishing how the Force conducts its investigations including techniques that are used, would be prejudicial to law enforcement. This may impact negatively on the Constabulary's ongoing investigation by providing comprehensive details not already publicly available, potentially damaging the investigation.

Information such as photographs will undoubtedly highlight information that a potential suspect would only be aware of. It would be irresponsible of the police force to disclose such essential documentation whilst an investigation is still live.



Balancing Test

It is recognised that there is a public interest in the Constabulary being transparent and accountable during the course of its investigations.

However, whilst cases remain live and the Constabulary needs to ensure that evidential information is not compromised by disclosures under FOI. Constabularies need to be able to undertake investigations methodically and without prejudice.

It is imperative that public disclosure is controlled otherwise we would set dangerous precedence for other like investigations.

Having weighed up the factors favouring disclosure and those favouring non-disclosed, I have decided that the balance lies with non-disclosure for the photographs of live investigations.

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 Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 working 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 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 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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