



16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 002987/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

For the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19. and 2019 to date, please could you provide me with:

- 1 The number of each of the following offences
  - A Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises
  - B Possession of other offensive weapon on school premises without lawful authority or reasonable excuse
  - C Having article with a blade of point on school premises
  - D Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises
- 2 In each case, the age of the person found in possession of the offensive weapon, the type of weapon and the outcome of the offence (where known).

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

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

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes for the offences listed above. Please see details below:-

Figures for 2019/20 are to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

Offence Title	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
<b>NORFOLK</b>			
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises	1	-	-
Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade	4	6	2
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	31	27	12
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	1	9	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>			
Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises	1	2	
Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade	2	1	3
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20	26	12

Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises	4	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>

Please see below details of the weapons for the offences above:-

Offence Title	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
<b>NORFOLK</b>			
<b>Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises</b>			
Knife	1	-	-
<b>Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade</b>			
Baton	-	1	-
Knuckle duster	1	2	-
Multi tool	1	-	-
Scissors	-	1	1
Screwdriver	-	-	1
Staple remover	-	1	-
Wooden stake	1	-	-
Not specified	1	1	-
<b>Having an article with a blade or point on school premises</b>			
Bladed article	2	5	1
Fidget spinner	2	-	-
Knife	22	21	11
Multi tool	1	-	-
Pencil sharpener blade	1	-	-
Razor Blade	2	-	-
Stanley	1	1	-
<b>Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises</b>			
Knife	1	9	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>			
<b>Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises</b>			
Chair leg	-	2	-
Knife	1	-	-
<b>Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade</b>			
Baton	-	-	1
Knuckle duster	-	-	1
Spanner	1	-	-
Wrench	-	-	1
Not specified	1	1	-
<b>Having an article with a blade or point on school premises</b>			
Bladed article	6	13	5

Fidget spinner	1	-	-
Knife	10	11	6
Multi tool	-	1	1
Stanley	1	-	-
Not specified	2	1	-
<b>Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises</b>			
Bladed article	1	-	-
Knife	3	2	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>

The suspects ages are provided below:-

Offence Title	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
<b>NORFOLK</b>			
<b>Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises</b>			
14 years	1	-	-
<b>Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade</b>			
12 years	-	-	1
13 years	-	2	1
14 years	-	1	-
15 years	3	3	-
16 years	1	-	-
<b>Having an article with a blade or point on school premises</b>			
7 years	1	-	-
8 years	1	2	1
10 years	-	-	1
11 years	6	3	1
12 years	2	6	2
13 years	6	6	2
14 years	6	8	3
15 years	2	1	1
16 years	2	-	-
17 years	1	-	-
18 years	1	1	1
No suspect	3	-	-
<b>Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises</b>			
12 years	1	1	-
13 years	-	7	-
15 years	-	1	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>			

<b>Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises</b>			
11 years	1	-	-
15 years	-	2	-
<b>Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade</b>			
12 years	-	-	1
13 years	-	-	2
14 years	1	-	-
15 years	1	1	-
<b>Having an article with a blade or point on school premises</b>			
8 years	-	-	1
10 years	2	2	-
11 years	1	2	2
12 years	3	8	1
13 years	3	3	5
14 years	2	4	2
15 years	3	3	1
16 years	1	2	-
52 years	-	1	-
No suspect	5	1	-
<b>Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises</b>			
10 years	-	1	-
12 years	3	-	-
13 years	-	1	-
No suspect	1	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>

Crime outcomes are provided below:-

<b>Offence Title</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
<b>NORFOLK</b>			
<b>Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises</b>			
Type 2A - Caution Youth - alternate offence. Offender is a juvenile and has been given a youth caution under the alternate offences rule.	1	-	-
<b>Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade</b>			
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	-	1	-
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	-	1	-
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	1	-	2
Type 2 - Caution Youth	2	-	-
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or	-	4	-

person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken			
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1	-	-
<b>Having an article with a blade or point on school premises</b>			
Not Recorded	-	-	6
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	2	-	1
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	5	3	1
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	3	1	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	-	6	1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	3	3	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	1	-	-
Type 2 - Caution Youth	2	2	-
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	6	8	1
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.	5	-	-
Type 3 - Caution Adult	1	-	-
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	3	4	-
<b>Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises</b>			
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	1	1	-
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	-	7	-
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	-	1	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>			
<b>Threaten with an offensive weapon on school premises</b>			
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	-	1	-
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	-	1	-
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1	-	-
<b>Possession of offensive weapon on school premises other than with a blade</b>			
Not Recorded	-	-	2
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	-	1	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1	-	-

Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1	-	-
<b>Having an article with a blade or point on school premises</b>			
Not Recorded	-	-	4
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	3	2	2
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	-	-	2
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	-	1	-
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	4	4	1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	-	2	-
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1	3	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	8	11	2
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.	2	2	-
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	2	1	-
<b>Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school premises</b>			
Not Recorded	-	1	-
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	1	-	-
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	3	1	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>

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Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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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:

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Information Management Department  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
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Norfolk NR18 0WW  
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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.

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