



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003067-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 22 August 2018 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"How many people in total (adults and minors) were arrested for offences relating to the supply of controlled drugs between January 2017 and 30 June 2018.*
2. *How many people were charged in relation to these offences?*
3. *If a simple administrative task, please can you supply details of the specific offences."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 30 August 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies custody data for all arrests made in relation to the supply of controlled drugs for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years.

1. The total number of persons arrested is as follows:

Year / Offence	Norfolk	Suffolk
2017		
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	103	174
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	271	227
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A	175	124
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug	64	76
2018		
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	251	122
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	131	141
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A	121	64
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug	19	5

Grand Total	1135	933
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2. Of those persons arrested, the total number charged, is as follows, noting that a charge is not the only available positive outcome.

A number of these offences are still under investigation and therefore, the total number of persons charged is subject to change as offences are finalised.

Year / Offence	Norfolk	Suffolk
2017		
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	20	51
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	139	118
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A	78	70
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug	25	29
2018		
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug	83	17
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	47	46
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A	25	12
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug	7	
Grand Total	424	343

3. As above

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 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 or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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