

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003097-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on 23 August 2018 the in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many incidents of drug dealing/supplying were reported to Suffolk Police in West Suffolk in 2018 so far, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014? How many of those incidents were specifically in Bury St Edmunds by year?”*
2. *How many arrests were made for incidents of drug dealing/supplying in West Suffolk in 2018 so far, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014? How many of those incidents were specifically in Bury St Edmunds by year?*
3. *How many charges were brought for incidents of drug dealing/supplying in West Suffolk in 2018 so far, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014? How many of those were for incidents specifically in Bury St Edmunds by year?*
4. *How many offences of drug possession were recorded by Suffolk Police in West Suffolk in 2018 so far, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014? How many of those were for incidents specifically in Bury St Edmunds by year? Could these figures for West Suffolk and Bury St Edmunds by year be broken down in terms of Class A, B and C drugs please?*
5. *How many arrests for drug possession were made by Suffolk Police in West Suffolk in 2018 so far, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014? How many of those were for incidents specifically in Bury St Edmunds by year? Could these figures for West Suffolk and Bury St Edmunds by year be broken down in terms of Class A, B and C drugs please?*
6. *How many charges were brought for drug possession in West Suffolk in 2018 so far, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014? How many of those were for incidents specifically in Bury St Edmunds by year? Could these figures for West Suffolk and Bury St Edmunds by year be broken down for Class A, B and C drugs please?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 12 September 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded of possession of, or intent to supply, drugs, for the 2014 – 2018 calendar years.

The table provided on the attached spreadsheet confirm the total number of drug related offences recorded for the West Suffolk area, and the number of those that specifically were in the location of Bury St Edmunds. This information has been provided by offence type, outcome and year.

In respect of the number of persons arrested, this data is only held from October 2015 onwards, the total number of persons arrested, including the arrest offence, is provided in the table below. Please note that this data represents the total number of arrests made as opposed to the total number of people arrested, as one person could be arrested for more than one drug related offence at any one time. Arrest data is not available by location.

All Arrest Data in Suffolk	Oct 2015 Onwards	2016	2017	2018
Drugs - Concerned in supplying controlled drug			176	126
Drugs - Cult. Cannabis	6	36	34	19
Drugs - Importing controlled drug	1			
Drugs - Possess Class A	47	210	274	180
Drugs - Possess Class B or C	85	384	475	297
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - Class A	56	201	254	154
Drugs - Possession With Intent to supply - other than Class A	23	138	135	66
Drugs - Prod. Cannabis	4	17	6	4
Drugs - Producing controlled drug	3	4	5	1
Drugs - Supplying controlled drug	24	104	80	5
Grand Total	249	1094	1439	852

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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 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 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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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