



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 003140-18

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

- "1. How many police officers have been bitten whilst on duty in the last three years?*
- 2. How many police officers have required a hepatitis shot after being bitten on duty?*
- 3. How many police officers have required hospital treatment (eg. stitches) as a result of being bitten whilst on duty?*

*Please provide the answers to the above questions broken down into each year and into if the police officer was male or female.*

**\*CLARIFICATION:**

*To clarify I am interested in both bites by Humans and bites by dogs. Please can you ensure it is clearly marked the number of officers bitten by a human and the number bitten by a dog.\*"*

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 9 October 2018

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

The total number of officers bitten and the number of those requiring a hepatitis shot, is provided in the table below.

2015	Male	Female
Officers Bitten	6 Human bites 2 Animal bites	-
Hepatitis shot needed	3	-

2016	Male	Female
Officers Bitten	1 Human bite	2 Human bites

	2 Animal bites	1 Animal bite
Hepatitis shot needed	0	0

2017	Male	Female
Officers Bitten	24 Human bites 8 Animal bites	2 Human bites 1 Animal bite
Hepatitis shot needed	16	0

Of the above, we are aware of 7 officers attending hospital for treatment. This figure may be higher, however the information is only recorded within the files on notification from the officer.

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](mailto: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](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  
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