



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003219-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 6 September 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"The number of crimes that occurred in the month of December 2018 that include the word "Christmas" in the MO or offence description. (Please make sure that this includes phrases like "Christmas tree" and "Father Christmas".)*
2. *The number of crimes that occurred in the month of December that include the phrase "Santa Clause" in the MO or offence description.*
3. *For both of the above, please provide me with as much of the MO or offence description as possible."*

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 19 September 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all offences recorded where the word 'Christmas' or 'Santa' appear in the freetext of the crime report.

The information provided in the table below confirms all offences recorded during December 2018.

Included Word	Norfolk	Suffolk
Christmas	41	53
Santa Claus	0	0
Santa	3	1

Additional information is provided within the attached spreadsheet and includes the offence description and summary of the offence.

Please note that freetext searches are by their very nature unreliable and consequently, there may be additional relevant offences that have not been included within the return as the words were spelt incorrectly etc.

***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](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 40 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  
Telephone: 01625 545 700