

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003223-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 5 September 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“For the last 3 full calendar years (2015/16/17) and for as much of 2018 as possible please can you supply:

1. *The number of pupils found in school with a weapon or dangerous implement. Please break down according to primary/secondary school.*
2. *The number and type of weapons or dangerous implements seized from schools. Please break down according to primary/secondary.*
3. *The number and age of school pupils charged with offences relating to possession of a weapon or dangerous implement.*
4. *The number who were then prosecuted in court, given a caution or no further action was taken.*
5. *Of those who were prosecuted, the type of punishment handed down.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 13 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 “Having An Article With Blade/Point School Premises” and “Possession Offensive Weapon On School Premises” for the 2015 – 2018 calendar years.

1. The total number of pupils found in school with a weapon or dangerous implement is provided below:

School	2015	2016	2017	2018
Primary		5	5	3
Secondary	4	16	30	12
Total	10	21	35	15

2. The total number of weapons or dangerous implements seized from schools as a direct result of the above offences, is as follows:



School	Weapon	2015	2016	2017	2018
Primary	Blade			2	1
	Hammer		2		
	Knife		3	3	2
Secondary	Air weapon			1	
	Blade	2	4	8	5
	Compass		1		
	Knife	8	10	18	6
	Lighter		1		
	Shank			1	
	Sharp item			1	
	Spanner			1	
	Stanley Knife				1
Total		10	21	35	15

- No pupil was charged with any of the above offences.
- The outcome for the offences, are provided in the table below. Please note the information has been presented in two tables as a result in a change of crime recording system during October 2015 resulting in different ways of recording crime outcomes.

School	Outcome	2015
Secondary	Cautioned	3
	No Action	3
Total		6

School	Outcome	2015	2016	2017	2018
Primary	Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition		1		
	Type 11 - Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility		1		
	Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)		1	2	
	Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency			1	3
	Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.			1	
	Not Recorded			2	1
Secondary	Type 2 - Caution Youth	1	6	4	
	Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the			3	1



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Public Interest (Police)				
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)		5	1	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	1	1	5	4
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action		1		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	2	3	13	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	
Not Recorded			2	2
Total	4	21	35	15

5. N/A.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
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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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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