



10th October 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003259/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 10th September 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

This request is following on from a previous request I submitted last August - <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/9781255/children-young-four-knives-school/>

For the last full calendar year (2018) and for as much of 2019 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 20th September 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of offences involving a weapon where the location has been recorded as a school. Figures are to 31st July 2019.

Please note, it is possible that offences have occurred outside the school grounds but the address has been used as the nearest location for recording purposes.

Q1

Type of School	2018	2019
NORFOLK		
Primary	3	3

Secondary	29	33
TOTAL	32	36
SUFFOLK		
Primary	5	2
Secondary	23	23
Not recorded	0	1
TOTAL	28	26

Q2

Year	Weapon/Number of Crimes	Type of School
NORFOLK		
2018	Knife x 1	Primary
2018	Steak knife x 1	Primary
2018	Small kitchen knife x 1	Primary
2018	Swiss army knife x 2	Secondary
2018	Multi-tool x 2	Secondary
2018	Lock knife x 2	Secondary
2018	Stanley knife x 3	Secondary
2018	Knuckle duster x 3	Secondary
2018	Knife x 8	Secondary
2018	Craft knife x 2	Secondary
2018	BB Gun x 1	Secondary
2018	Pen knife x 1	Secondary
2018	Vegetable knife x 1	Secondary
2018	Broken scissors x 1	Secondary
2018	Modelling knife x 1	Secondary
2018	Garden knife x 1	Secondary
2018	Screwdriver/scissors/compass x 1	Secondary
2019	5 small pen knives x 1	Primary
2019	Kitchen knife x 1	Primary
2019	Swiss army knife x 1	Primary
2019	2 kitchen knives x 1	Secondary
2019	Quantity of knives x 1	Secondary
2019	Bladed article x 2	Secondary
2019	Baton x 1	Secondary
2019	Taser x 1	Secondary
2019	Pencil sharpener blade x 1	Secondary
2019	2 x butterfly knives x 1	Secondary
2019	Blade knife x 1	Secondary
2019	Concealed blade x 1	Secondary

2019	Screws & pins x 1	Secondary
2019	Scissors x 1	Secondary
2019	Screwdriver x 1	Secondary
2019	Steak knife x 1	Secondary
2019	Knife x 2	Secondary
2019	Kitchen knife x 2	Secondary
2019	Pen knife x 3	Secondary
2019	Lock knife x 1	Secondary
2019	Multi-tool	Secondary
2019	Pen & staple remover x 1	Secondary
2019	Stanley knife x 7	Secondary
SUFFOLK		
2018	Bladed article x 1	Primary
2018	Pen knife x 1	Primary
2018	Knife x 3	Primary
2018	Knife x 10	Secondary
2018	Kitchen knife x 2	Secondary
2018	Butterfly training knife x 1	Secondary
2018	Bladed article x 2	Secondary
2018	Lock knife x 1	Secondary
2018	Broken chair leg x 2	Secondary
2018	Stanley knife x 1	Secondary
2018	Pocket knife x 2	Secondary
2018	Blades x 1	Secondary
2018	Multi-tool x 1	Secondary
2019	Lid with screws x 1	Secondary
2019	Bladed article x 3	Secondary
2019	Pocket knife x 1	Secondary
2019	Kitchen knife x 1	Secondary
2019	Knife x 7	Secondary
2019	Knuckle duster x 1	Secondary
2019	Lock knife x 4	Secondary
2019	Craft knife x 1	Secondary
2019	Multi-tool x 2	Secondary
2019	Wrench x 1	Secondary
2019	Wooden baton x 1	Secondary
2019	Scissors x 1	Secondary
2019	Steak knife x 1	Secondary
2019	Screwdriver & knife x 1	Secondary

Q3

Age of Child Charged	2018	2019
NORFOLK		
12	0	1
13	1	0
TOTAL	1	1
SUFFOLK		
TOTAL	0	0

Q4 All other outcomes are provided below:-

Outcome	2018	2019
NORFOLK		
Type 2 - Caution Youth	2	1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	5	0
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	3	3
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	2	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	5	2
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	3	5
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	10	17
Not recorded	1	6
TOTAL	31	35
SUFFOLK		
Type 2 - Caution Youth	3	2
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1	1
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	1	4
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	0	2
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	6	4
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	5	0
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	11	5
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.	0	2
Not recorded	1	6
TOTAL	28	26

Where no outcome is recorded, the investigation is likely to be ongoing.

Q5 The Constabularies do not hold details of court outcomes.

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, 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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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 40 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
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.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:

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Water Lane
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SK9 5AF
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