



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003269-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 9 September 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many disability hate crimes were recorded by your police force during the last financial year? (1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019)*
2. *How many reported disability hate crimes resulted in a charge?*
3. *How many disability hate crimes over the 2018/19 financial year were committed by repeat offenders (of a previous disability hate crime)?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 9 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 data for all hate crimes recorded that have a disability hate crime marker.

1. The total number of disability hate crimes recorded during the 2018/19 financial year, is provided in the table below, which excludes non-crime data.

Please note that this data has been extracted using Disability Hate crime marker on the crime system. These markers are not use consistently across the Constabulary with some offences marked as a disability hate crime when the offence was not a hate crime but the victim was disabled. The only way to ensure this is absolutely accurate would be to review all of the offences in turn. Such work has been carried out from June onwards so there may be discrepancies in the earlier data.

Offence	Norfolk	Suffolk
Action Fraud	1	5
Arson And Criminal Damage	19	16
Burglary		2

Criminal Law Act 1967 - Causing Wasteful Employment Of The Police Etc.		1
Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Owner Or Person In Charge Allowing Dog To Enter A Non-Public Place Causing Reasonable Apprehension Of Injury To A Person		1
Licensing Act 1902 - Being Drunk In Any Highway Or Other Public Place Or On Licensed Premises While Having Charge Of A Child Under Seven Years	1	
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	5	2
Possession Of Weapons	1	
Public Order Offences	74	52
Robbery		1
Sexual Offences	1	3
Theft	7	14
Vehicle Offences	1	
Violence Against The Person	77	72
Grand Total	187	169

2. The number of the above offences that resulted in a charge is provided in the table below, noting that there are other available positive outcome and some of the offences will be under investigation.

Offence	Norfolk	Suffolk
Arson And Criminal Damage	2	
Licensing Act 1902 - Being Drunk In Any Highway Or Other Public Place Or On Licensed Premises While Having Charge Of A Child Under Seven Years	1	
Public Order Offences	4	
Theft		3
Violence Against The Person	7	2
Grand Total	14	5

3. A review of each offence has been completed to establish whether the offender has previously committed a hate crime within the Norfolk or Suffolk Constabulary force area, during the 2018/19 financial year. The table below confirms the number of occasions an offender has committed a disability hate crime during the 18/19 financial year.

Please note that 117 offences did not have suspect information recorded.

Suspect in disability hate crime – 18/19	Suffolk	Norfolk	Both
Suspect in 2 offences	6	10	1
Suspect in 5 offences	1		
Grand Total	7	10	1

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.

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<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*

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 or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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