



13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 003317/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

Can I please get figures from October 2, 2016 to October 2, 2020.

Can you please tell me the following:

- The total number of police officers attacked by suspects in police custody centres over the past four years?
- Of those attacks, how many were carried out using weapons - and what were the weapons?
- How badly injured were the officers involved/what were the injuries they suffered - e.g. stab wounds?
- If possible, can you tell me how many of the suspects were handcuffed when they carried out the attacks?
- And can I please get a breakdown of the figures for each year?

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below.

The below information relates to recorded crimes.

There may be other occasions where an officer has been assaulted and incident at work forms completed. These are sent to the Health & Safety Department but may not always be entered as a crime onto the crime recording system.

Assaults on Police Officers in Police Investigation Centres 02/10/2016 to 02/10/2020		
YEAR	NORFOLK	SUFFOLK
2016	3	3
2017	9	8
2018	5	6
2019	6	1
2020	3	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>

Each of the above records have been reviewed and none include the use of weapons.

Details of Assault						
METHOD	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
<b>NORFOLK</b>						
Attempted headbutt		1		1		2
Bit officer		2	1			3
Dug nails into officer				1		1
Flicked blanket at officer			1			1
Kicked officer		4	2	2	2	10
Punched officer			1	1		2
Spat at officer	2			1	1	4
Threw urine at officer		1				1
Tripped officer up	1	1				2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>						
Bit officer		1			1	2
Coughed at officer					1	1
Dug nails into officer			1			1
Grabbed officer		1				1
Kicked officer	3	2	1		1	7
Punched officer			1			1
Spat at officer		4	1	1		6
Threw cup of water			1			1
Threw urine at officer			1			1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>

Details of any Injury Received						
INJURY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
<b>NORFOLK</b>						
Bite mark on hand		2				2
Cut to hand				1		1
Cut to wrist		1				1
Lump on leg				1		1
No injury	3	6	5	4	3	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>						
Bite mark on hand		1				1
Cut to hand			1			1
Cut to lip			1			1
Mark on leg			1			1
No injury	3	7	3	1	3	17

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>Detainee Handcuffed?</b>						
<b>INJURY</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>NORFOLK</b>						
Yes		1				1
No			1	1		2
Not recorded	3	8	4	5	3	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>						
Yes		1	1			2
Not recorded	3	7	5	1	3	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>

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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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 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](mailto: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](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