



## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003350-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 17 September 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*"I would like to request information regarding crime in the area adjacent to West Villa Hostel in Ipswich please. I understand it has now moved from the Woodbridge Road site, and is now situated in Chantry/Stoke Park, although I am unaware of the exact whereabouts.*

*Information on both sites would be useful please."*

### **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 1 October 2018

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

With regards to the Woodbridge Road location, unfortunately we have not been able to extract any reliable data associated with the time West Villas was in situ. The reason being, the crime data for this area incorporates Ipswich Hospital and therefore there will be a large number of offences that would be provided within the response, which are not relevant to West Villas.

To research Woodbridge Road itself, this will return a large number of unrelated crimes also, as the Road is significantly longer than the stretch of road occupied by West Villas.

A post code search also brought back offences relevant to Ipswich Hospital.

There is no mandatory location field that will allow us to manually extract the data base on the location of 'West Villas'. This search brought back only 2 offences, which we know is not accurate.

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: “...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.” The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the ‘appropriate limit’ for the Suffolk Constabulary as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting *all* information your request is too broad to be complied with within the £450 limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences that have occurred at the location of Newnham Court, Ipswich.

Please note that the information provided does not represent the number of offences that have occurred, or are in connection with, West Villa Hostel. Rather, the crime data incorporates the wider area of Newnham Court Road in its entirety and the postcode IP4 5PB.

<b>Newnham Court</b>			
<b>Offence</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Arson And Criminal Damage	6	6	6
Burglary	3	3	1
Drug Offences	1		
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	3	1	1
Public Order Offences	2	3	11
Sexual Offences		3	1
Theft	1	4	4
Vehicle Offences	2	1	
Violence Against The Person	20	27	15
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>39</b>



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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 40 working 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 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](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