

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003354-18

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

“The count of all offences (eg including but not limited to: Greivous Bodily Harm, Throwing corrosive fluid on a person sec29 Offences Against the Person Act 1861, Administering a destructive or noxious thing thereby endangering life, or inflicting greivous bodily harm sec23 Offences against the Persons Act 1861, or with intent to injure, aggrieve or annoy contrary to section 24 Offences against the person act 1861) where there is a report of the use of "acid" or "corrosive substance" in each of the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (in financial or calendar years).”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 21 September 2018.

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

A search has been carried out of the Constabulary’s Crime Information Systems for all offences recorded that relate to an attack with a corrosive substance or acid.

The table provided below confirms the total number of offences recorded, which is in accordance with the National Police Chiefs Councils definition of a corrosive substance attack, by calendar year.

Calendar Year	Count of investigations
2015	0
2016	2
2017	8
2018 to 31/08/2018	4

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 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
Telephone: 01625 545 700