



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003423-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 23 September 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“The number of reports received by Suffolk police in the last 12 months which relate to UFO sightings.*
2. *The number of reports Suffolk police have responded to in the last 12 months which relate to UFO sightings.*
3. *If any, the number of criminal charges which have been made in the last 12 months as a result of police responding to reports of UFO sightings – including wasting police time etc.*
4. *The number of reports received by Suffolk police in the last 12 months which relate to ghost sightings.*
5. *The number of reports Suffolk police have responded to in the last 12 months which relate to ghost sightings.*
6. *If any, the number of criminal charges which have been made in the last 12 months as a result of police responding to reports of ghost sightings – including wasting police time etc.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 4 October 2019

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

A free text search has been completed of the Constabulary’s call system for all incidents recorded that contain the words “UFO”, “Alien”, “Extraterrestrial” or “Ghost”, for the time frame 1 August 2018 – 31 August 2019.

The table provided below confirms the total number of incidents recorded by incident type, month and year.

<b>Month</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Ghost Sighting</b>	<b>3</b>	
October	1	



November	1	
December	1	
<b>UFO Sighting</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
March		1
July		1
October	3	
November	2	
December	1	
April		1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>

The table provided below confirms the number of incidents that were attended by officers at the time of the call, please note that this data does not include occasions where an officer may attend the locus at a mutually agreed appointment.

Month	2018	2019
<b>Ghost Sighting</b>	<b>1</b>	
October	1	
<b>UFO Sighting</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
July		1
October	2	
November	2	
April		1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

For those incidents that were linked to a crime report, the table provided below confirms the crime and respective outcome, please note the Constabulary does not hold conviction data.

Offence / Outcome		2019
<b>UFO Sighting</b>		<b>3</b>
Section 4 POA Causing Intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Type 15 – Named suspect identified – Evidential Difficulties	1
Sexual Offence	Type 16 – Named suspect identified – Evidential difficulties	1
Theft		1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>3</b>



Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, 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 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