



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003450-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 25 September 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Please can you tell me how many of your officers have been assaulted since The Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 came into force on November 13, 2018.*
2. *Please can you provide examples of the circumstances surrounding some of the most severe assaults and the injuries your officers suffered as a result. Is it the case some have been forced to leave the force, retire early or are on long-term sick leave?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3 October 2019

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and the response is below.

1. The table provided below confirms all offences recorded under the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018.

Offence	Norfolk	Suffolk
Old classifications (still in use)	157	185
Assault Police - Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	69	57
Assault Police - Assault with Injury - Malicious wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm (Minor wound or equivalent)	7	7
Assault Police - Assault with Injury - Malicious wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm (Serious wound or equivalent)	1	
Assault Police - Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	1	
Assault Police – Cause GBH with intent to resist/prevent arrest.		1
Assault Police - Wounding with intent to resist/prevent arrest	4	2
Assault without Injury on a Constable - Assaults a designated person or his assistant in the exercise of a relevant power		1
Assault without Injury on a Constable - Assaults a member of a joint investigation team carrying out his functions as a member of that team		1
Assault without Injury on a Constable - Vagrant violently resisting a constable		1

Assault without injury on a constable (Police Act offence)	75	115
New Assault Emergency Worker 008/73 Classification	358	220
Assault or assault by beating of a constable	358	220
Grand Total	515	405

2. The information provided below confirms details of assaults reported to the Constabularies workplace health department. These are assaults, which will be included in the totals above, that resulted in an injury form also being submitted.

13.11.2018 – 30.08.2019	Norfolk
Assaults with minor injury	205
RIDDOR* reportable injury	1. Possible dislocated knee cap 2. Fractured eye socket, broken nose and a bump to head.

13.11.2018 – 30.08.2019	Suffolk
Assaults with minor injury	142
Over 3-day injury	1. Bruising to head, body and legs, cuts and grazing on arms

*Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013

Information concerning whether or not an officers left the Constabulary directly as a result of an assault is not information that is recorded. Although any assault information would potentially be recorded within individual personnel files, there is no correlation between that and the reason for an officer resignation or retirement.

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 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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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