

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003529-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 27 September, 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“The number of people in police custody each month who have no fixed home address/who are listed as having no fixed abode.

Could I please have the data for the last FOUR years, from 1 January 2015 to 27 September 2018 (or the most recently available data). Could you please sort the data by year.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 03 October 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary’s custody data for all arrests made where the detainee is recorded to have no fixed abode.

As a result in a change in custody system, the Constabulary is only able to provide the information from 19 October 2015 onwards, as data prior to this time is no longer held in a format suitable for bulk data extraction.

2015

Month Breakdown	Total Number of NFA
October	17
November	75
December	58

2016

Month Breakdown	Total Number of NFA
January	38
February	46
March	44
April	40



May	52
June	55
July	48
August	48
September	39
October	47
November	54
December	44

2017

Month Breakdown	Total Number of NFA
January	48
February	43
March	50
April	41
May	63
June	57
July	71
August	54
September	47
October	70
November	69
December	44

2018

Month Breakdown	Total Number of NFA
January	51
February	36
March	49
April	65
May	58
June	50
July	70
August	79



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September	56
October	4

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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*

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