

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003599-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 3 October 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. "How many police stop and searches were there in each of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date?"
2. Can you give me the number of 'assaults with a knife/sharp instrument' in each of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date?"

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 30 September 2018

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

1. The total number of stop and searches conducted by Suffolk Constabulary for the 2013 – 2018 calendar years is provided in the table below:

Year	Total
2013	5528
2014	5301
2015	3273
2016	2171
2017	1606
2018	1181

2. The total number of offences recorded involving a knife or sharp instrument, is as follows:

Offence	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Attempted murder	3	2	0	0	2	1
Threats to kill	16	15	29	25	21	20
ABH & GBH	101	103	138	111	122	50
Robbery	42	32	43	57	44	42
Rape	1	4	10	4	0	3
Sexual assaults	2	0	4	2	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>119</b>



***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.***

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