



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003858-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 28 October 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“I would like to see a list of major crimes that have happened in Ipswich over the last few years if there is one as well as the most common types of crime. if anyone could help with this it would be greatly appreciated.

CLARIFICATION:

Can I have a list of the major crimes in Ipswich over the last 5 years as well as the most common 10 types/ categories of crime in this time period”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 29 October 2019

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

A search has been conducted via our crime recording system Athena and legacy system for crimes that have occurred within the Ipswich Central district over the past 5 years.

The below table provides details of the crimes recorded, broken down by Home Office Group and Sub Group category, and split by calendar years.

Please be advised that Suffolk Constabulary changed crime recording system in October 2015 from CIS to Athena, the table includes data from each of these systems and is not comparable as the data is recorded in slightly different ways.

1 January 2014 – 19 October 2015	2014	2015
Arson And Criminal Damage	525	414
Arson	17	21
Criminal Damage	508	393
Burglary	311	236
Burglary - Non Dwelling	188	130
Burglary Dwelling	123	106
Drug Offences	263	152



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Possession Of Drugs	205	130
Trafficking Of Drugs	58	22
Other Offences	464	499
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	91	114
Possession Of Weapons	30	47
Public Order	343	338
Robbery	32	45
Robbery	32	45
Sexual Offences	100	121
Other Sexual Offences	77	73
Rape	23	48
Theft	2083	1673
All Other Theft	495	401
Bicycle Theft	254	275
Shoplifting	983	730
Theft From The Person	111	68
Vehicle Offences	240	199
Violence Against The Person	891	1015
Homicide		1
Violence With Injury	462	475
Violence Without Injury	429	539
Total	4669	4155

19 October 2015 – 31 December 2018	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arson And Criminal Damage	153	619	707	659
Arson	4	20	32	21
Criminal Damage	149	599	675	638
Burglary	53	279	347	356
Burglary - Business And Community			93	126
Burglary - Residential			189	230
Burglary In A Dwelling	25	129	33	
Burglary Non-Dwelling	28	150	32	
Drug Offences	42	170	277	237
Possession Of Drugs	33	127	173	190



Trafficking Of Drugs	9	43	104	47
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	28	77	88	79
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Possession Of Weapons	11	40	50	62
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Public Order Offences	101	430	567	641
Other Offences Public Order	27	87	124	124
Public Fear, Alarm Or Distress	63	286	387	462
Race Or Religious Agg Public Fear	10	56	54	51
Violent Disorder	1	1	2	4
Robbery	13	59	109	144
Robbery Of Business Property	3	1	6	2
Robbery Of Personal Property	10	58	103	142
Sexual Offences	52	138	150	193
Other Sexual Offences	25	95	104	112
Rape	27	43	46	81
Theft	382	1690	1953	1961
Bicycle Theft	55	262	315	322
Other Theft	95	444	468	528
Shoplifting	202	876	1050	938
Theft From The Person	30	108	120	173
Vehicle Offences	55	283	234	358
Aggravated Vehicle Taking	1	4	5	8
Interfering With A Motor Vehicle	9	34	20	47
Theft From A Vehicle	39	216	165	241
Theft Or Unauth Taking Of A Motor Veh	6	29	44	62
Violence Against The Person	253	1301	1606	1838
Homicide	1	1		2
Stalking And Harassment	23	114	233	325
Violence With Injury	116	532	629	653
Violence Without Injury	113	654	744	858
Total	1143	5086	6088	6528

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



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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
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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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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