



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003985-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 4 November 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

“This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to reported offences, arrests, charges, cautions and prosecutions under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015.

I would like to request the following information. Between January 2016 and September 2019, how many of the following have taken place in your police jurisdiction under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 (“Controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship”):

- Reports of offences*
- Arrests*
- Charges*
- Cautions*
- Prosecutions”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 18 November 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all Coercive and Controlling behaviour offences recorded for the time frame 1 January 2016 – 31 August 2019. The offences were then filtered to include only those that fell under the category ‘Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship’.

The total number of offences is provided in the table below, including the number of arrests made and the number that resulted in a charge or a caution, noting there are other available positive outcomes. Please note that the Constabularies do not hold prosecution information.

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.

	Norfolk				Suffolk			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Offences	78	176	235	304	110	246	347	260
Total Arrests	18	34	57	46	33	43	66	31
Total Charges	9	21	30	14	18	43	26	10
Total Cautions	2	8	2	1	3	2	1	0

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
Telephone: 01625 545 700