



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004034-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 07 November 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“For each calendar year since and including 2014 please provide the following data on police misconduct hearings at your force:

- 1. The total number of police misconduct hearings*
- 2. The number of public misconduct hearings held in public*
- 3. The number of public misconduct hearings not held in public*
- 4. The number of police officers, staff or special constables who were the subject of the hearing that were granted anonymity at the hearing*
- 5. The number of police officers or staff found to have committed misconduct*
- 6. The number of police officers or staff found to have committed gross misconduct*
- 7. The number of police officers or staff found to have committed neither misconduct or gross misconduct*

Nb please provide these figures for each calendar year since and including 2014.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 21 November 2019

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

1. The table below confirms the total number of misconduct hearings held against Police officers, police staff and members of the Special Constabulary for each year:

Year	Police officers	Police staff	Special Constables
2014	0	0	0
2015	1	4	1
2016	2	4	0
2017	4	2	0
2018	3	10	0
2019 (1 Jan-30 Sep)	0	1	0

2. The following table confirms the number of public hearings held concerning police officers for each year:



Year	Public hearings
2014	0
2015	1
2016	1
2017	4
2018	3
2019 (1 Jan – 30 Sept)	0

3. The table below confirms the total number of misconduct hearings held concerning police officers, where a decision was made to hold the hearing in private.

Year	Public hearings
2014	0
2015	1
2016	1
2017	0
2018	0
2019 (1 Jan – 30 Sept)	0

4. There have been no police officers, staff or special constables who were the subject of the hearing and were granted anonymity at the hearing.
5. The table provided below confirms the outcome for all misconduct hearings held:

Year	Misconduct	Gross misconduct	Neither
2014	0	0	0
2015	0	6	0
2016	0	6	0
2017	1	5	0
2018	2	10	1
2019	1	0	0

6. As above
7. As above



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*

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