



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004142-19

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

1. *“From November 13, 2018 to November 13, 2019, the number of offences recorded by Suffolk Constabulary under the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 (ie the offence of assault on an emergency worker)*
2. *Between the same dates, the number of individuals arrested on suspicion of offences under the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 (ie the offence of assault on an emergency worker)*
3. *Between the same dates, the number of individuals charged with offences under the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 (ie the offence of assault on an emergency worker)*
4. *Between the same dates, the number of times no further action was taken against an individual arrested on suspicion of an offence offences under the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 (ie the offence of assault on an emergency worker)”*

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.

Recorded offences are currently in the process of being uploaded onto the crime system and consequently, the information provided relates to the time frame 13 November 2018 – 31 August 2019.

1. The total number of Assaults on Emergency worker offences recorded are as follows:

Offence	Total
Assault or assault by beating of a constable	220
Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker (except a constable)	77

2. The total number of persons arrested concerning the above offence, is as follows, noting that data for offences and arrests are taken from two separate systems and are not directly comparable.



Offence	Total
Assault – On Emergency Worker	4
Assault – On Police	118

3. The total number of offences from question 1, which resulted in a charge, is as follows:

Offence	Total
Assault or assault by beating of a constable	180
Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker (except a constable)	17

4. The total number of persons arrested from question 2, which resulted in no further action being taken against them, is as follows:

Offence	Total
Assault or assault by beating of a constable	8
Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker (except a constable)	0

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*

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