

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004153-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 9 November 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many crimes of theft* involving sheep have been recorded over the last five calendar years (annual year, Jan-Jan)? 2014 - 2018 (year to date).*
2. *What were the recorded outcomes/disposals of each of the crimes of theft involving sheep over the last five calendar years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (annual year, Jan-Jan)?*

a) If possible, can you tell me how many of these crimes were referred to the CPS?
3. *What was the total number of sheep stolen over the last five calendar years where recorded (annual year, Jan-Jan)? 2014 - 2018 (year to date)*

*NB. I will be resending this FOI in January to get the complete figures for the 2018 calendar year. *Crimes of theft meaning the number of crimes reported, not individual numbers of sheep.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14 November 2018

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

1. The total number of theft offences recorded where the property stolen is recorded as ‘sheep’ is as follows:

Year	Number of crimes
2014	3
2015	3
2016	2
2017	3
2018	1
Total	12

2. The outcomes of these offences were as follows:

Outcome	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
C2 Crime Cancelled - sheep were lost rather than stolen.		1			
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	2	2	2	3	1
Undetected	1				

None of the above were referred to the CPS

- The total number of sheep recorded to have been stolen is provided below, noting that in some offences, the number of sheep stolen is not recorded.

Year	Number of sheep stolen
2014	17
2015	9
2016	2
2017	6
2018	1

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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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
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