



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004194-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 20 November 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“The information I require is the number of incidents of criminal damage to vehicles in Ipswich reported to Suffolk Constabulary each month from September 2015 to the end of September 2019.

I also require information on the number of incidents each month of these where an offender was charged, for the period specified above.

I also require the number of incidents of thefts of or from vehicles in Ipswich reported to Suffolk Constabulary each month for the period specified above, and the number of these incidents each month where an offender was charged for the same period.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 25 November 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary’s crime system for all criminal damage to and theft of, or from, vehicle offences recorded from September 2015 to date, where the town is recorded as Ipswich.

The total number of offences recorded is provided below by month and year:

Total Crime					
Year	Month	Aggravated Vehicle Taking	Damage to a vehicle	Theft from a vehicle	Theft of a vehicle
2015	September		19	17	2
	October		24	15	3
	November	1	16	13	1
	December		22	20	5
2016	January	1	17	22	2
	February		20	9	1
	March	1	20	13	2



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	April		17	17	
	May		21	19	7
	June		23	20	6
	July		11	28	3
	August		21	16	
	September	1	21	22	
	October		18	19	3
	November		9	16	2
	December	1	22	14	3
2017	January		18	9	1
	February		7	8	4
	March	2	11	5	3
	April		15	8	4
	May		60	6	4
	June	1	31	33	
	July		31	6	2
	August	1	15	13	2
	September		22	12	6
	October		23	14	2
	November		20	23	5
	December	1	11	27	9
2018	January	1	15	14	3
	February	1	29	13	6
	March		22	30	1
	April		49	13	5
	May		16	9	6
	June	2	13	11	6
	July		20	9	5
	August		12	17	3
	September		13	25	7
	October	1	14	33	8
	November	1	13	27	1
	December	2	24	37	9
2019	January		18	32	2
	February		14	12	3



	March		12	9	4
	April		11	10	
	May		11	8	1
	June		15	25	1
	July		18	24	1
	August		11	13	4
	September		18	25	2

Charge data is provided in the table below, noting that this is not the only available positive outcome.

Charge Data					
Year	Month	Aggravated Vehicle Taking	Damage to a vehicle	Theft from a vehicle	Theft of a vehicle
2015	September		2		
	October		1		1
	November	1			1
	December		2		1
2016	January	1	1	1	
	February		4		
	March	1	4		
	April		2		
	May		2		
	June		2	1	
	July			2	
	August		2	1	
	September		2	1	
	October				1
	November			3	1
December			5		
2017	February		1		
	March		1	1	
	April			1	2
	May		1		
	June		1		
	July			10	



	September		1		2
	October				1
	November		1		
	December	1	1	1	
2018	January			1	
	February		1		3
	March		1	1	1
	April		3	1	1
	May				1
	June	2	1		
	July		1		
	November	1		2	
	December		1		
2019	January		2		1
	February		1		
	May		1	1	
	July		1		
	August		1		
	September		1	1	

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