



# SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**REQUEST NUMBER:** FOI Request 004197-17

**REQUEST DETAILS:**

*"Please could you give me a list of how many community protection orders have been issued after applications by police between March 1 last year and February 28 this year.*

*Please could you also tell me why the CPOs have been applied for (e.g. nuisance, protection of vulnerable child), the dates, and if any have been issued to care staff or parents of vulnerable children or adults."*

**RESPONSE:**

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

*This response is correct as of 16 March 2017*

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

The details of any Community Protection Notices issued are now recorded on the Constabulary's crime recording system, Athena, however the information is not searchable at present to enable accurate data extraction. The only way to extract whether such a notice was issued would be to review all crimes and see whether the freetext refers to such a notice.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: "...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit." The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the 'appropriate limit' for the Suffolk Constabulary as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.



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By requesting all information your request is too broad to be complied with within the £450 limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

We have contacted the force area commanders, and have retrieved the following figures for Full Community Protection Notices issued from 1 March 2016 – 28 February 2017.

Bungay – 0

Bury St Edmunds - 9 Full CPNs

Forest Heath – 6 Full CPN's

Halesworth – 0

Haverhill – 3 Full CPNs

Ipswich – 5 Full CBO's

Lowestoft & Beccles – 1 Full CPN

Stowmarket – 2 Full CPN's

Sudbury – 4 Full CPN's