



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004205-19

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:

- a. *“How many reports of illegal hunting of foxes, hares and deer under the Hunting Act have you received in each of the last 10 years, broken down by calendar year.*
- b. *How many of these cases did you refer to the Crown Prosecution service?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3 December 2019

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

Information concerning wildlife hunting has been extracted from two different systems and consequently, information held prior to 2015 is not comparable to more recent data as offence data has since been recorded under more specific offence categories.

The total number of offences recorded for the reports for illegal hunting of foxes, hares and deer is provided in the table below. The Constabulary does not record the number of occasions an offence was referred to the CPS in an easily searchable manner, we have therefore supplied the offence outcomes.

Outcome	Year									
	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
Not Recorded / Under Investigation	1		1			1	1		2	
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition		1		4		1	1	4	4	
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.								1	1	
Type 3 - Caution Adult					1					
Type 8 - Community Resolution (Crime)									2	
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified							1		1	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties				4	1	2	2	3	8	1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties								2		
Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified								1		
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.				3	2	4	7	31	42	20
Grand Total	1	1	1	11	4	8	12	42	60	22



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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