



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004217-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 14 November 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*"I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following data from your force covering the past three calendar years and available data for this year: **2017, 2016, and 2015 and the year-to-date for 2018.***

1. *I would like to know how many children (18 and under) in the time period have been arrested on suspicion of theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle.*

*The offence, contrary to section 12 of the Theft Act 1968, is recorded under **Home Office classification code 48.***

Please provide the ages of those arrested: for example X number of 10-year-olds, X number of 11-year-olds, and so on to include all those aged 18 and under.

2. *Please provide the total number of those aged 18 and under who were **charged with the offence** in the same time period.*
3. *Please provide the total number of adults (18 and over) arrested on suspicion of the offence in the same time period.*
4. *Please provide the total number of adults charged with the offence in the same time period."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 20 November 2018

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 Theft of a Motor Vehicle arrests, for the 2015 – 2018 calendar years.

The information provided below excludes attempted theft offences.

Please note that 2015 information is only available from 19 October onwards as a result of a change in crime recording system during this time. 2018 data relates to the time frame 1 January – 31 October.

1. The total number persons arrested who were under the age of 18 are provided below by age and year.



Offence Description	Age	2015	2016	2017	2018
Aggravated Vehicle Taking	13	0	0	6	0
	14	0	1	5	1
	15	2	5	4	2
	16	0	1	5	3
	17	2	5	1	3
Theft - Of Motor Vehicle	12	1	0	0	0
	13	0	0	6	0
	14	1	1	0	1
	15	0	4	5	0
	16	0	4	52	1
	17	3	3	13	2
TWOC - Take a motor vehicle without the owner's consent	12	0	0	1	0
	13	0	1	0	0
	14	0	1	0	0
	15	0	1	1	3
	16	1	6	4	3
	17	3	4	2	8
Grand Total		13	37	105	27

2. The total number of those referred in Q1 that were charged, is as follows, noting there are other positive outcomes available.

Some of the offences will still be under investigation.

Year	Total
2015	8
2016	15
2017	31
2018	7

3. The total number persons arrested aged 18 and over are provided below by year.

Offence	2015	2016	2017	2018
Aggravated Vehicle Taking	6	32	17	34



Theft - Attempted Theft Of A Motor Vehicle	0	8	0	8
Theft - Of Motor Vehicle	8	69	82	70
TWOC - Take a motor vehicle without the owners consent	16	57	75	52
Total	30	166	174	164

4. The total number of those referred in Q3 who were subsequently charged, is as follows, noting there are other available positive outcomes.

Some of the offences will still be under investigation.

Year	Total
2015	9
2016	72
2017	46
2018	49

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