

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 004220-17 & 004273-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

1. *"How many separate sets of search registers has your force maintained pursuant to paragraph 9.1 of PACE (B) for the month of January 2017? By separate set I mean a set covering a separate "sub-division or equivalent" area.*
2. *Please identify the area covered by one set of registers by way of example. For the example please take the name of the police station that appears first when the stations (at which registers are held) are listed in alphabetical order (which I refer to as "Area 1" below). Please also provide the description your force uses to describe the area covered e.g. Sub-division, policing area or such other term as you may currently use.*
3. *For Area 1 how many searches were recorded in the register for the month of January 2017? If that number is less than 5 please confirm the number for the whole of 2016.*
4. *How many of the search records recorded in the register for Area 1 for January 2017 (or 2016 as above) record that items were found - paragraph 8.1 (vii) of the code?"*

RESPONSE:

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 20 March 2017

1. 2 central registers are maintained - 1 for Suffolk Constabulary and 1 for Norfolk Constabulary.

In addition, Officers in charge of a search must also submit an intelligence report via our crime recording system, Athena.

2. Each register covers searches for the entire force, referring to our Local Policing Districts.
3. The number of searches recorded in each register for January 2017 is as follows:

Norfolk – 156

Suffolk – 42

4. The Central search registers do not record details of property found and seized.

The details of the items found and seized are however recorded within the premises search book and are logged on a database rather than on the central registers.