



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004257-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 20 November 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Between 1 January 2008 and 1 November 2018, how many cases were referred to you by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals/Director of Public Prosecutions for a police investigation in relation to a potential offence under the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and/or S.20D - S.20G of the Juries Act 1974?”*
2. *Of those cases referred to you between 1 January 2008 and 1 November 2018, in how many cases was the suspect interviewed under caution?*
3. *Of those cases referred to you between 1 January 2008 and 1 November 2018, how many defendants were charged with an offence under the Contempt of Court Act 1981 or the Juries Act 1974?*
4. *Of those cases in which charges were brought, how many of the defendant's were convicted of an offence under the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and or Juries Act 1974).*

If the information is available, I should be grateful if you would please confirm the following:

5. *Of those cases referred to you between 1 January 2008 and 1 November 2018, what was the nature of the allegation i.e. internet research, racial bias.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 22 November 2018

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

A search was completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all Contempt of Court offences recorded between 1 January 2008 – 1 November 2018.

1. The Constabulary has a total of 5 Contempt of Court offences recorded during this time frame, however it is not clear whether they were referred to us by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals / Director of Public Prosecutions.

Year	Total
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2013	1
2015	1
2016	2
2017	1
Total	5

2. In one case (2016) the suspect was interviewed under caution, it is not recorded on the other cases whether the suspect was interviewed under caution or not.
3. In two cases (2016 & 2013) the suspect was charged.
4. The Constabulary does not hold the conviction data associated with those persons charged, such information is held by the Courts.
5. The nature of the allegations are as follows:
 - Breach of a DVPO X2
 - Release of information against court ruling
 - Assault of a judge
 - Use of phone in court

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