

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004264-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 25 November 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many **complaints / reports** have been filed of **attacks / assaults** on members of the public by **Bouncers / Door Supervisors / Door Staff** /in the calendar years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015?*
2. *How many **Bouncers / Door Supervisors / Door Staff** have been **arrested for attacks / assaults** on members of the public in the calendar years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015?*

When searching for reports, please include those that use any other terms that mean the same thing as: ‘attack’ ‘assault’ AND ‘bouncer’ ‘door security’ ‘door supervisor’ or ‘door staff’.

Please present the information by calendar year in a simple table.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 2 December 2019

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

The Constabulary is unable to provide the number of bouncers / door staff who were arrested as a result of an offence, as the custody data is not directly linked to the offence information. Arrest data also does not have suspect occupation noted and we have therefore provided the total number of offences and the respective outcomes.

The occupation field is non-mandatory and therefore, as per the request, we have completed a search of the Constabularies crime system for all offences recorded where the terms ‘door supervisor/staff’, ‘Bouncer’ or ‘security guard’, appear in the crime freetext. Each offence was then manually reviewed to establish the offences that related specifically by a bouncer etc assaulting a member of the public.

Please note that freetext searches are by their very nature unreliable, and consequently there may be additional relevant offences not included within the return as the offence did not match the specific search parameters used.

The table provided below confirms the total number of offences recorded including the year and outcome.



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.

Offence Title	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Assault With Injury	1	10	5	16	7
Assault Without Injury		5	6	10	8
Burglary Non-Dwelling	1				
Criminal Damage	3				
Non Notifiable Offences	3				
Theft Other	3				
Unmapped	1				
Violence Against Person	25				
Grand Total	37	15	11	26	15

Offence Title	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Not Recorded / Under Investigation	20				1
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	14	2			
Type 3A - Caution Adult - alternate offence.				1	
Type 8 - Community Resolution	2				
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified		5	1	8	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		4	1	4	3
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		2	3	3	6
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1	2	6	10	4
Grand Total	37	15	11	26	15

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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<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