



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004276-18

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:

*"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. *How many children (those aged under 18) in this time period have been arrested on suspicion of **A) Arson endangering life and B) Arson not endangering life?***

*The offences are logged under **Home Office Classification codes 56A and 56B** respectively*

*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 under 18. There should be no issue with "identification".*

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

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 21 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 Arson arrests, for the 2015 – 2018 calendar years.

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
<b>Criminal Damage - Arson Endangering Life</b>	15	0	0	1	0
	16	0	1	2	2
<b>Criminal Damage - Arson Not Endangering Life</b>	12	0	0	1	4
	13	0	1	2	4
	14	0	2	2	1
	15	0	4	2	0
	16	0	1	3	3
	17	1	3	2	2
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

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.

Offence Description	Age	2016	2017
<b>Criminal Damage - Arson Endangering Life</b>	16	1	0
<b>Criminal Damage - Arson Not Endangering Life</b>	13	1	1
	14	2	0
	15	0	1
	16	1	2
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

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

Offence Description	2015	2016	2017	2018
Criminal Damage - Arson Endangering Life	6	13	19	8
Criminal Damage - Arson Not Endangering Life	3	10	9	21
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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	3
2016	13
2017	13
2018	13

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](mailto: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](http://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  
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