



20<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Our ref: FOI 004283/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by both Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. This response is being provided on behalf of Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies as a result of ongoing collaboration. In your requests you sought access to the following information:

Please provide data on the number of times children aged 17 years old and younger were kept overnight in police custody in 2016. My definition of overnight is: between midnight and 8am, where an individual has been held in custody for 4 or more hours during this time.

- Q1 How many children aged 17 years and under have spent one or more nights in police custody in 2016?
- Q2 Please break the figures in Q1 down by age (e.g. 17 years old – 105 children; 16 years old – 110 children; 15 years old – 74 children etc.)
- Q3 Please break the figures in Q1 down by gender (e.g. Male – 402 children; Female – 161 children).
- Q4 Please break the figures in Q1 down by ethnicity (e.g. White British – 162 children; White European – 27 children; Black or Black British-African – children; Black or Black British-Caribbean – 12 children; Chinese – 21 children etc.)
- Q5 In relation to Q1 please provide details of the longest period one child aged 17 years old or younger was held in police custody.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies holds information relevant to your request.

### Response to your request

The following information has been located as relevant to your request.

- Q1 The following number of persons, aged 17 years or under, have been held overnight in police custody during 2016:-

Norfolk Constabulary	323
Suffolk Constabulary	238
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>561</b>

The following number of persons, aged 17 years or under, were held in police custody for more than 1 night:-

Norfolk Constabulary	6
Suffolk Constabulary	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9</b>

Q2 Please see age breakdown below:-

Age	Number
11	1
12	5
13	28
14	40
15	71
16	90
17	88
<b>Norfolk Total</b>	<b>323</b>
12	3
13	8
14	28
15	60
16	65
17	74
<b>Suffolk Total</b>	<b>238</b>

Q3 Please see gender breakdown below:-

Gender	Total
Female	63
Male	260
<b>Norfolk Total</b>	<b>323</b>
Female	35
Male	203
<b>Suffolk Total</b>	<b>238</b>

Q4 Please see ethnicity breakdown below:-

Ethnicity	Total
Asian	4
Black	38
Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	1
Unknown	18
White - North European	257
White - South European	5
<b>Norfolk Total</b>	<b>323</b>
Black	37

Middle Eastern	5
Unknown	16
White - North European	172
White - South European	8
<b>Suffolk Total</b>	<b>238</b>

Q5 Please see details of the longest person, aged 17 years or under, were held in police custody:-

Norfolk Constabulary	55 hours 49 minutes
Suffolk Constabulary	91 hours 51 minutes

This response will be published on both the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary web-sites. A link to the disclosure log pages of each Constabulary web-site is provided below.

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>  
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Gibson  
Freedom of Information Department

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 the Norfolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask the Norfolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by the Norfolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 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  
Professional Standards Department  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
OR  
Email: [freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances the Norfolk 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 the Norfolk 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  
Telephone: 01625 545 700