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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004288-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 27 November 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"How many people did your force release on pre-charge police bail between 3rd April 2017 and 2nd April 2018 broken down by type of offence and, if possible, by those a) aged 17 and under and b) 18 and over*
2. *How many people did your force release on pre-charge police bail between 3rd April 2018 and 2nd April 2019, broken down by type of offence and, if possible, by those a) aged 17 and under and b) 18 and over. If possible, please can you state the average length of time these people were on pre-charge police bail for.*
3. *How many people did your force "release under investigation" between 3rd April 2017 and 2nd April 2018, broken down by type of offence, and if possible, by those a) aged 17 and under and b) 18 and over*
4. *How many people did your force "release under investigation" between 3rd April 2018 and 2nd April 2019, broken down by type of offence, and if possible, by those a) aged 17 and under and b) 18 and over. If possible, please can you also state the average length of time these people were "released under investigation" for."*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 10 December 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's custody data for all occasions an individual has been released under investigation (RUI) or released on bail. Please note that with regards to the average calculation for questions 2 and 4, this only takes into consideration those cases that have been finalised.

1. The total number of individuals released on pre-charge police bail between 3rd April 2017 and 2nd April 2018 is provided tab 1 of the attached spreadsheet, confirming the information by arresting offence category and the age of the individual.



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2. The total number of individuals released on pre-charge police bail between 3rd April 2018 and 2nd April 2019 is provided tab 2 of the attached spreadsheet, confirming the information be arresting offence category and the age of the individual.

The average length of time on pre-charge bail was 27 days (Adult) and 24 days (juvenile).

3. The total number of individuals released under investigation between 3rd April 2017 and 2nd April 2018 is provided tab 3 of the attached spreadsheet, confirming the information be arresting offence category and the age of the individual.
4. The total number of individuals released under investigation between 3rd April 2018 and 2nd April 2019 is provided tab 4 of the attached spreadsheet, confirming the information be arresting offence category and the age of the individual.

The average length of time an individual was released under investigation was 149 days (Adult) and 139 days (juvenile).

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  
Telephone: 01625 545 700