



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004298-19

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 stabbing have been reported since Jan 2018 – present day?”*
2. *“Out of those stabbings how many of those have been gang or drug related?”*
3. *“How many of those have been successfully prosecuted?”*
4. *“How many investigations victims have cooperated.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 16 December 2019

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

1. The total number of stabbing offences that have been recorded from January 2018 to date is provided in the table below, this includes violence with injury and homicide offences:

Month	2018	2019
January	-	2
February	-	3
March	2	3
April	1	5
May	3	2
June	3	2
July	5	2
August	3	2
September	3	
October	5	
November	1	
December	2	
TOTAL	28	21

2. The Constabulary does not always record whether an offence is gang or drug related, a manual review of the records did not clarify in most cases an accurate answer to this part of the request and therefore we are unable to confirm with any accuracy those that are definitely gang or drug related.



3. The Constabulary does not hold prosecution data however, the outcomes for each offence are as follows:

Outcome Type	2018	2019
Under investigation	0	1
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	8	8
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified	6	6
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	2	0
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	9	2
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	2	3
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.	1	0
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	0	1
TOTAL	28	21

4. Each offence has been reviewed to establish whether or not a victim cooperated or not. There will be some occasions where it is not clear whether the victim did cooperate and in these cases the information has not been included. Please note that this data relates to violence with injury offences.

Outcome	2018	2019
Under investigation		1
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	4	5
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	2	0

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