



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004340-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 27 November 2018 which you sought access to the following information:

"I would like to request a breakdown of the knife and sharp instrument offences in your constabulary by ethnicity and age of the offender and by calendar year for the last three years.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (2000) please may you supply me with the police recorded numbers for:

- 1) *The ethnicity of the offender for these six knife and sharp instrument offences, (as identified in ONS data 'Year Ending June 2018' - Table P4: Knife and sharp instrument offences recorded by the police for selected offences, by police force area, English regions and Wales, year ending June 2018):*
 - a) *Assault with injury and assault with intent to cause serious harm,*
 - b) *Rape and sexual assault,*
 - c) *Homicide,*
 - d) *Attempted Murder,*
 - e) *Robbery and*
 - f) *Possession (please use total possession of the four Home Office possession counts named here).*

Can you please categorise these for 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively and break each offence down by the ethnicity of the offender e.g: White, Black, Asian, Mixed and other.
- 2) *The age of the offender for these six knife and sharp instrument offences, (as identified in ONS data 'Year Ending June 2018' - Table P4: Knife and sharp instrument offences recorded by the police for selected offences, by police force area, English regions and Wales, year ending June 2018):*
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 - f) *Possession (please use total possession of the four Home Office possession counts named here).*

Can you please categorise these for 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively and break them down by whether the offender is 'under 18' or '18 and over'."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 5 December 2018

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and the response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all relevant offences recorded. The tables provided below confirm the data by ethnicity and then by age bracket.

Please note there are a number of offences where the suspect age/ethnicity is 'not recorded', a number of which will be as a result of no suspect being identified.

Norfolk Constabulary			
Offence / Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018
Assault With Injury			
Any Other Black Background	1	1	
Any Other Mixed Background		1	
Any Other White Background	4	2	1
Not Recorded	16	38	39
Not Stated		3	1
White British	19	38	38
Assault With Injury On A Constable			
White British			1
Assault With Intent To Cause S Harm			
Any Other Black Background	1	4	4
Any Other Mixed Background		3	1
Any Other White Background		2	2
Not Recorded	12	39	28
Not Stated		1	1
White And Black African			1
White And Black Caribbean			2
White British	1	14	27
Attempted Murder			
African	1		
Any Other White Background			1
Not Recorded	2	2	3
White British	1		1

Murder			
Any Other White Background			2
Not Recorded		1	1
White British			1
Possess Of Article With Blade Or Point			
African		2	2
Any Other Asian Background		1	2
Any Other Black Background		4	6
Any Other Ethnic Group			2
Any Other Mixed Background		1	4
Any Other White Background	5	8	15
Caribbean			4
Not Recorded	20	45	45
Not Stated		2	4
White And Asian			1
White And Black Caribbean		1	
White British	36	58	121
White Irish		1	
Rape			
Any Other White Background	1		
Not Recorded	1	1	5
White British		1	1
Robbery Of Business Property			
Any Other Black Background			1
Not Recorded	4		2
White British	4	6	2
Robbery Of Personal Property			
African	1	1	
Any Other Black Background			2
Any Other Mixed Background			1
Any Other White Background	1		
Caribbean		1	
Not Recorded	17	50	58
Not Stated	1		
White British	9	14	24
Sexual Assault			
White British	1		
Grand Total	159	346	457

Norfolk Constabulary			
Age / Offence	2016	2017	2018
18 and over			
Assault With Injury	27	56	45
Assault With Injury On A Constable			1
Assault With Intent To Cause S Harm	8	39	43
Attempted Murder	4	2	4
Murder		1	4
Possess Of Article With Blade Or Point	38	90	152
Rape	1	1	2
Robbery Of Business Property	6	6	4
Robbery Of Personal Property	17	14	27
Sexual Assault	1		
Not Recorded			
Assault With Injury	9	17	25
Assault With Intent To Cause S Harm	5	21	16
Possess Of Article With Blade Or Point	9	10	12
Rape	1	1	3
Robbery Of Business Property	2		1
Robbery Of Personal Property	11	47	51
Under 18			
Assault With Injury	4	10	9
Assault With Intent To Cause S Harm	1	3	7
Attempted Murder			1
Possess Of Article With Blade Or Point	14	23	42
Rape			1
Robbery Of Personal Property	1	5	7
Grand Total	159	346	457

Suffolk Constabulary			
Offence / Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018
Assault With Injury			
African		1	
Any Other Asian Background			1
Any Other Black Background		1	
Any Other Ethnic Group		1	
Any Other White Background		1	2
Bangladeshi			1
Caribbean			1

Not Recorded	11	19	14
Not Stated	2		
White And Black African	1		
White And Black Caribbean		1	1
White British	10	27	25
Assault With Injury On A Constable			
White British		1	
Assault With Intent To Cause S Harm			
Any Other Black Background		1	5
Any Other Ethnic Group			1
Any Other Mixed Background			1
Any Other White Background	3	1	3
Bangladeshi		2	
Caribbean		1	
Not Recorded	10	34	34
Not Stated			1
White And Asian		1	1
White And Black African		1	
White And Black Caribbean		2	
White British	8	29	25
Attempted Murder			
Any Other Black Background			1
Any Other White Background			1
Not Recorded	1		
White British		2	
Murder			
Not Recorded			1
White British	1	2	1
Possess Of Article With Blade Or Point			
African		2	1
Any Other Black Background	3	1	3
Any Other Ethnic Group			2
Any Other Mixed Background	1	1	2
Any Other White Background	6	8	7
Bangladeshi		1	2
Caribbean		1	
Not Recorded	11	28	33
Not Stated		4	1

White And Asian			1
White And Black African	1		1
White And Black Caribbean		3	2
White British	32	69	88
Rape			
Not Recorded	1	1	2
White British		1	2
Robbery Of Business Property			
Not Recorded		3	3
White British	2	4	5
Robbery Of Personal Property			
African		1	
Any Other Ethnic Group			1
Any Other Mixed Background		1	
Any Other White Background		2	4
Caribbean			2
Not Recorded	6	29	38
White And Black African			1
White And Black Caribbean	1		1
White British	7	16	20
Sexual Assault			
Not Recorded			1
Grand Total	118	304	343

Suffolk Constabulary			
Age / Offence	2016	2017	2018
18 And Over			
Assault With Injury	16	33	31
Assault With Injury On A Constable		1	
Assault With Intent To Cause S Harm	13	41	41
Attempted Murder	1	2	2
Murder		2	2
Possess Of Article With Blade Or Point	39	77	89
Rape		2	2
Robbery Of Business Property	2	5	5
Robbery Of Personal Property	8	19	26
Not Recorded			
Assault With Injury	4	9	8

Assault With Intent To Cause S Harm	5	24	24
Possess Of Article With Blade Or Point	4	15	18
Rape	1		1
Robbery Of Business Property		2	3
Robbery Of Personal Property	5	25	37
Sexual Assault			1
Under 18			
Assault With Injury	4	9	6
Assault With Intent To Cause S Harm	3	7	6
Murder	1		
Possess Of Article With Blade Or Point	11	26	36
Rape			1
Robbery Of Personal Property	1	5	4
Grand Total	118	304	343

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.

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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk 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
Information Management Department
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 40 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and 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
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