



17th December 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004366/18

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

I would like to receive information regarding outcomes assigned to domestic-abuse related offences recorded in the year ending March 2018 for your police force.

Specifically, I would like to know:

- 1 The total number of domestic-abuse related offences recorded by the force in the year ending March 31, 2018 (2017-18)
- 2 The outcome of domestic-abuse related offences in the year ending March 31, 2018 (2017-18), listed by type/group in these categories:
 - Charged/summonsed - (outcome number 1)
 - Out-of-court (formal and informal) - (outcome numbers 2, 3, 6, 7, 8)
 - Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action) – (outcome number 15)
 - Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action) – (outcome numbers 14, 16)
 - Investigation complete – no suspect identified (outcome 18)
 - Other – (outcome numbers 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 20, 21)
 - Offences not yet assigned an outcome

Please give the figures as a total number and a percentage. For example:

2017-2018 Total domestic abuse-related offences: 1,000 OUTCOME

Charged/summonsed: 150 (15%)

Out of court (formal and informal): 20 (2%) Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action): 220 (22%) Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action): 480 (48%) Investigation complete – no suspect identified: 20 (2%) Other – 40 (4%) Offences not yet assigned an outcome 60 (6%)

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 12th December 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Q1

Constabulary	Crimes with Domestic Indicator 2017/18
NORFOLK	7,638
SUFFOLK	6,086

Q2

Please see below crime outcomes. Percentage figures are not held and there is no requirement under the Freedom of Information Act to create these in order to respond to a request.

NORFOLK CONSTABULARY

Outcome type	Number of crimes
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1166
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	90
Type 2 - Caution Youth	19
Type 2A - Caution Youth - alternate offence. Offender is a juvenile and has been given a youth caution under the alternate offences rule.	1
Type 3 - Caution Adult	282
Type 3A - Caution Adult - alternate offence. Offender has been given a simple caution under the alternate offences rule.	19
Type 5 - Offender has died	2
Type 6 - Penalty notice for disorder	3
Type 7 - Cannabis/Khat Warning	1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	59
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	4
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	166
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	3
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	55
Type 13 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence	13
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	84
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	1349
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	3947
Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired	110
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	106
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	36
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.	14

Type AF – Action Fraud record filed temporarily awaiting result from master AF investigation	1
Not Recorded	108
Grand Total	7638

SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

Outcome type	Number of crimes
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	675
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	179
Type 2 - Caution Youth	14
Type 3 - Caution Adult	171
Type 3A - Caution Adult - alternate offence. Offender has been given a simple caution under the alternate offences rule.	23
Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration	1
Type 5 - Offender has died	5
Type 6 - Penalty notice for disorder	3
Type 7 - Cannabis/Khat Warning	2
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	52
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	11
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	67
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	1
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	18
Type 13 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence	4
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	40
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	1120
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	3297
Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired	61
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	81
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	159
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.	14
Not Recorded	88
Grand Total	6086

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<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 Amanda Gibson, 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 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 40 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
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.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 20 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
Telephone: 01625 545 700