



11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 004401/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can I ask the following information on crimes committed during the Christmas holiday period in the past three years.

Please can you tell me how many crimes were reported to your force in the two-week period from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018? Could I have this information broken down by the type of crime (burglary, assault, sexual assault, etc), and by the eventual outcome (e.g. charged, unresolved)?

Please could you provide the same information for the equivalent two-week periods in the two previous years (20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016)?

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

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

The crime figures for the Christmas and New Year periods over 2016/17 and 2015/16 have previously been released and are published on the Constabularies websites. Links to the responses have been provided below:-

[https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/7158\\_crimes\\_during\\_christmas\\_new\\_year.pdf](https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/7158_crimes_during_christmas_new_year.pdf)

[https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/007137-17\\_-\\_crime\\_outcomes\\_-\\_christmas\\_and\\_new\\_year.pdf](https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/007137-17_-_crime_outcomes_-_christmas_and_new_year.pdf)

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means; in this case via the Constabularies websites, therefore in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

Please see tables below for 2017/18.

**NORFOLK**

<b>OFFENCE CATEGORY</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE	324
BURGLARY	175
DRUG OFFENCES	74
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	34
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	15
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	173
ROBBERY	19
SEXUAL OFFENCES	71
THEFT	315
VEHICLE OFFENCES	111
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	716
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2027</b>

<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
<b>ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE</b>	<b>324</b>
Not Recorded	3
Type 1	31
Type 10	1
Type 11	1
Type 12	3
Type 14	7
Type 15	28
Type 16	45
Type 18	187
Type 2	1
Type 20	1
Type 3	9
Type 8	7
<b>BURGLARY</b>	<b>175</b>
Not Recorded	2
Type 1	10
Type 14	1
Type 15	12
Type 16	4
Type 18	144
Type 4	2
<b>DRUG OFFENCES</b>	<b>74</b>
Not Recorded	4

Type 1	28
Type 10	2
Type 15	4
Type 16	1
Type 18	1
Type 2	1
Type 2A	1
Type 3	13
Type 3A	1
Type 6	3
Type 7	15
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY</b>	<b>34</b>
Not Recorded	4
Type 1	8
Type 10	1
Type 15	4
Type 16	5
Type 18	3
Type 1A	2
Type 20	1
Type 21	5
Type 3	1
<b>POSSESSION OF WEAPONS</b>	<b>15</b>
Not Recorded	1
Type 1	11
Type 12	1
Type 16	1
Type 18	1
<b>PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES</b>	<b>173</b>
Type 1	29
Type 10	2
Type 14	16
Type 15	20
Type 16	76
Type 17	1
Type 18	10
Type 1A	7
Type 2	1
Type 20	2
Type 3A	1

Type 6	2
Type 8	5
Type 9	1
<b>ROBBERY</b>	<b>19</b>
Not Recorded	1
Type 1	6
Type 14	4
Type 15	2
Type 16	3
Type 18	3
<b>SEXUAL OFFENCES</b>	<b>71</b>
Not Recorded	18
Type 1	3
Type 10	1
Type 12	1
Type 13	2
Type 14	7
Type 15	13
Type 16	20
Type 18	5
Type 20	1
<b>THEFT</b>	<b>315</b>
Not Recorded	6
Type 1	40
Type 10	2
Type 14	5
Type 15	22
Type 16	25
Type 17	1
Type 18	187
Type 20	2
Type 3	7
Type 6	6
Type 8	12
<b>VEHICLE OFFENCES</b>	<b>111</b>
Not Recorded	4
Type 1	4
Type 15	3
Type 16	4
Type 17	1

Type 18	95
<b>VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON</b>	<b>716</b>
Not Recorded	14
Type 1	121
Type 10	10
Type 11	3
Type 12	19
Type 14	40
Type 15	86
Type 16	279
Type 17	8
Type 18	63
Type 1A	8
Type 2	1
Type 20	20
Type 21	3
Type 3	23
Type 3A.	2
Type 5	2
Type 8	14

## **SUFFOLK**

<b>OFFENCE CATEGORY</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE	308
BURGLARY	140
DRUG OFFENCES	59
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	37
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	18
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	151
ROBBERY	16
SEXUAL OFFENCES	55
THEFT	318
VEHICLE OFFENCES	166
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	703
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1971</b>

<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
<b>ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE</b>	<b>308</b>
Type 1	22

Type 10	1
Type 14	5
Type 15	15
Type 16	30
Type 18	216
Type 2	2
Type 20	1
Type 3	3
Type 4	5
Type 8	8
<b>BURGLARY</b>	<b>140</b>
Not Recorded	3
Type 1	6
Type 14	1
Type 15	12
Type 16	2
Type 18	106
Type 1A	4
Type 2	1
Type 3A	1
Type 4	4
<b>DRUG OFFENCES</b>	<b>59</b>
Not Recorded	2
Type 1	24
Type 15	3
Type 16	2
Type 18	1
Type 3	9
Type 5	1
Type 7	12
Type 8	4
Type 9	1
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY</b>	<b>37</b>
Type 1	9
Type 10	1
Type 14	2
Type 15	10
Type 16	3
Type 18	4
Type 20	4

Type 21	4
<b>POSSESSION OF WEAPONS</b>	<b>18</b>
Not Recorded	3
Type 1	9
Type 15	4
Type 18	1
Type 20	1
<b>PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES</b>	<b>151</b>
Not Recorded	3
Type 1	18
Type 10	3
Type 12	1
Type 14	8
Type 15	28
Type 16	44
Type 18	26
Type 1A	3
Type 20	3
Type 3	3
Type 3A	1
Type 6	2
Type 8	8
<b>ROBBERY</b>	<b>16</b>
Type 1	3
Type 14	4
Type 16	2
Type 18	6
Type 4	1
<b>SEXUAL OFFENCES</b>	<b>55</b>
Not Recorded	14
Type 14	10
Type 15	11
Type 16	8
Type 18	6
Type 20	5
Type 21	1
<b>THEFT</b>	<b>318</b>
Not Recorded	1
Type 1	33
Type 10	8

Type 14	7
Type 15	18
Type 16	20
Type 18	204
Type 3	4
Type 4	5
Type 8	18
<b>VEHICLE OFFENCES</b>	<b>166</b>
Type 1	8
Type 14	2
Type 15	5
Type 16	4
Type 18	133
Type 2	1
Type 20	1
Type 4	12
<b>VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON</b>	<b>703</b>
Not Recorded	7
Type 1	72
Type 10	7
Type 11	1
Type 12	4
Type 14	28
Type 15	99
Type 16	301
Type 17	7
Type 18	73
Type 1A	24
Type 2	2
Type 20	38
Type 21	3
Type 3	13
Type 3A	2
Type 8	22

Outcome Descriptions:-

**Type 1** - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition

**Type 2** - Caution Youth

**Type 2A** - Caution Youth - alternate offence. Offender is a juvenile and has been given a youth caution under the alternate offences rule.

**Type 3** - Caution Adult



**Type 3A** - Caution Adult - alternate offence. Offender has been given a simple caution under the alternate offences rule.

**Type 4** - TIC - Taken into Consideration

**Type 6** - Penalty notice for disorder

**Type 7** - Cannabis/Khat Warning

**Type 8** - Community resolution (Crime)

**Type 9** - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)

**Type 10** - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)

**Type 11** - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility

**Type 12** - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute

**Type 13** - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence

**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

**Type 15** - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action

**Type 16** - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action

**Type 17** - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired

**Type 18** - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available

**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

**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.

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](mailto: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](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  
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