



14th January 2020

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004467/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 12th December 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

I submit this request for specific information regarding stop and search in your police force area. The information being sought relates to the datasets gathered by various public safety bodies in your area, as well as data gathered for any strategic crime data analysis software.

In the year ending 31 March 2019 in your police force area:

- 1 What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, age and outcome of search.
- 2 What was the total number of stop and searches for all reasons, where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, age and outcome of search.
- 3 What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, age and outcome of search.
- 4 What was the total number of stop and searches for drugs (section 1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and section 23(2) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971), where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE Code A 3.7)? Please provide data sorted by (self-defined) ethnic group, gender, age and outcome of search.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 7th January 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response it below.

Research has been undertaken of stop and search records held by both Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies. With regard to the questions relating to searches for drugs, we have provided stop and search details recorded under the group 'Drugs'. Records *do not* refer to section 1 of PACE.

Please see total figures below for each question. Further details have been provided on the attached spreadsheet.

Q1 Total number of stop and search for all reasons, where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6)	
NORFOLK	123
SUFFOLK	71
Q2 Total number of stop and search for all reasons, where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE code A 3.7)	
NORFOLK	171
SUFFOLK	206
Q3 Total number of stop and search for drugs, where a more thorough search occurred (PACE code A 3.6)	
NORFOLK	86
SUFFOLK	45
Q4 Total number of stop and search for drugs, where a search involved exposure of intimate parts of the body (PACE code A 3.7)	
NORFOLK	160
SUFFOLK	200

PLEASE NOTE – the Constabularies record the most ‘intrusive’ extent of the search, not every step. Therefore, the figures are not cumulative, IE, if a search progresses to a strip search, it would not be recorded as both a ‘more thorough search’ *and* a ‘strip search’. The latter, only, would be recorded.

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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700