



## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004490-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 7 December 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*"I would like to know the following information under the Freedom of Information Act for every annual year from 2012 to date in 2018:*

### *Children:*

- 1) *How many Vietnamese children (under 18) were arrested by your force?*
- 2) *What were these Vietnamese children arrested for?*  
*(Please provide as much detail as possible, at the very least, please would you summarise the nature of the crime in a couple of words.*  
*For example: "drug related offences")*
- 3) *How many of these arrested Vietnamese children were identified as potential victims of trafficking by your force and then referred to the National Referral Mechanism?*

### *Adults:*

- 4) *How many Vietnamese adults were arrested by your force?*
- 5) *What were these Vietnamese adults arrested for?*  
*(Please provide as much detail as possible, at the very least, please would you summarise the nature of the crime in a couple of words.*  
*For example: "drugs---related offences")*
- 6) *How many of these arrested Vietnamese adults were identified as potential victims of trafficking by your force and then referred to the National Referral Mechanism?"*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 11 December 2018

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

Suffolk Constabulary is only able to provide information from 1 October 2015 onwards as a result in a change in crime recording system at this time. Legacy data is no longer available for bulk data extraction.

1. The Constabulary arrested a total of 1 person aged under 18 who declared their nationality as Vietnamese, during 2016.
2. The arrest was for Drugs – Cultivation of Cannabis

3. Information concerning whether or not the person is a victim of trafficking and then referred to the NRM has not been provided as a result of exemptions within the Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires that Suffolk Constabulary, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) is to provide you the applicant with a notice ban which:

- (a) States that fact
- (b) Specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption;

**Section 23(1) – Law Enforcement**

Section 23 is an absolute, class-based exemption and, as such, there is no requirement to consider the public interest test.

4. A total of 6 persons aged 18 and over were arrested by the Constabulary and declared their Nationality as Vietnamese.

Year	Offence
2016	Assault – ABH
	Driving – Excess Alcohol
	Immigration – Immigration Act Offences
	Public Order Act – Sec 3 – Affray
	Warrant – Other
2018	Immigration Act – IS91 Papers Served

5. As above
6. Information concerning whether or not these persons are victims of trafficking and then referred to the NRM has not been provided as a result of exemptions within the Act.

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**Section 23(1) – Law Enforcement**

Section 23 is an absolute, class-based exemption and, as such, there is no requirement to consider the public interest test.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, 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 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](mailto: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](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  
Telephone: 01625 545 700