



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004542-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 11 December 2018 which you sought access to the following information:

1. "How many tasers were seized over the past year (jan 1 2018 to the date this email was received)?"
2. How many tasers were seized in 2017?
3. How many of these were disguised stun guns or tasers e.g. stun guns disguised as iPhones and torches?
4. How many crimes were reported to Suffolk Police that involved suspects using a taser in 2017 and 2018?
5. What were the classifications for these crimes? e.g. robbery, assault.
6. How many prosecutions have there been for the possession of an offensive weapon (taser) in 2017 and 2018?"

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 7 January 2018

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

1. A search has been completed of the word 'Taser' in the property database and we can confirm the total number of tasers seized was as follows:

	2017	2018
Norfolk	7	11
Suffolk	15	13

2. As above
3. The total number of those seizures that were disguised as something else, is as follows:

	2017	2018
Norfolk	3	4
Suffolk	10	3

4. The total number of offences recorded where the suspect was using a taser, were as follows:

Norfolk		
HO Classification	2017	2018
Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1	1
Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	1	
Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence		1
Threaten with an offensive weapon in a public place		1
Total	2	3

Suffolk	
HO Classification	2018
Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1
Assault with Injury - Malicious wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm (Minor wound or equivalent)	1
Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm - Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	1
Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	2
Possessing or distributing prohibited weapons designed for discharge of noxious substances etc	1
Robbery (of Personal Property)	1
Total	

5. As above
6. The Constabularies do not hold prosecution data however; we can confirm the number of persons charged with an offence of possession, as follows, noting some offences will be under investigation.

Force	2017	2018
Norfolk	1	2
Suffolk	3	1
Total	4	3

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.

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 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
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Wilmslow
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