



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004651-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 30 December 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

“Could you please tell me the number of reported drone-related crimes in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Please break the numbers down by year.

If possible, could you also tell me the following information:

- 1. For every reported drone crime, could you tell me how the drones were being used maliciously – i.e. for delivering drugs, stalking, criminal damage from devices crashing into cars, buildings etc.*
- 2. The number of people charged for drone-related crimes.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 7 January 2020

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all offences recorded that contain the word ‘drone’ within the crime freetext. Each offence has then been manually reviewed to extract those that are relevant to the request. Please note that freetext searches are by their very nature, unreliable. Consonantly there may be additional relevant offences not included within the data below, because the offence did not include the precise words used within the search.

1. The table provided below confirms the total number of drone related offences recorded for each respective year and includes a summary of the drone involvement in the offence.

Constabulary / Offence	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Norfolk Constabulary		11	13	9	5
Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling			1	1	
Crime Investigation - Action Fraud:- Call for Service				2	
Crime Investigation - Action Fraud:- NFIB Referral					1

Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship					1
Other burglary (Other Dwelling)		1			
Other Criminal Damage, Other (under £5,000)			1		
Pass etc counterfeit coin or note as genuine			1		
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress				1	
Sec 4 POA Fear or provocation of violence			1	2	
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1998				1	
Stalking involving serious alarm or distress				1	
Theft from a motor vehicle		1		1	1
Theft from shops/stalls		9	6		1
Theft if not classified elsewhere			1		1
Threats to destroy or damage property			2		
Suffolk Constabulary	2	18	15	9	8
Air Navigation Order 2005, Summary Offences			1	2	2
Air Navigation Order 2009, Acting in a disruptive manner			1		
Air Navigation Order 2009, Contravention of Rules of the Air Regulations			2	2	1
Arson Endangering Life (Indictable)			1		
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)			1		1
Assault without injury - Common assault and battery			1		
Attempted - Conveyance etc of List B articles into or out of prison			1		
Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990, Summary Offences					1
Breach of a criminal behaviour order				1	
Concealing etc criminal property		1			
Conveyance etc of list A articles into or out of prison (Indictable)		2			
Crime Investigation - Action Fraud:- NFIB Referral	2	2			
Crime Investigation - Action Fraud:- Call for Service		5			
Endangering safety of any person or property			1		
Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)					1
Minor wound without intent (s20)			1		
Other burglary (Other Dwelling)			1		
Other Criminal Damage, Other (under £5,000)		1		1	1
Theft from shops/stalls		6	3	2	
Theft if not classified elsewhere				1	1
Triable either way offences under: Air Navigation Order 2009		1			
Voyeurism			1		
Grand Total	2	29	28	18	13

2. The total number of persons charged is provided in the table below, noting there are other positive outcomes available.

Year	Norfolk	Suffolk
2015		2
2016	4	8
2017	4	1
2018	1	2
2019	1	
Grand Total	10	13

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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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF
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