

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 005624-17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 9 July 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

*"I wish to request information related to these two previous FOI requests:  
FOI response ref: 004807-17, dated 03/05/17 FOI response ref: 003968-16, dated 30/10/16*

*These detail the following Intimate Strip Search Authorisations*

*2011 – 3  
2012 – 8  
2013 – 23  
2014 – 26  
2015 – 14  
2016 – 14*

*I request the following in regards to these 88 records....*

1. *What are the numbers of Actual Intimate Strip Searches yearly from 2011-2016?*
2. *Of these Intimate Strip Searches, how many searches were carried out by a medical practitioner or registered nurse and which were carried out by a police officer? Broken down by years."*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 9 July 2017

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

In relation to the authorisations referred to above, the table provided below contains data for the number of Intimate Searches authorised by Suffolk Constabulary between 2011 and 2016, including how many were carried out and confirmation that all of those were carried out by a doctor at A&E.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Intimate Search Authorisations</b>	<b>Intimate Searches carried out</b>	<b>Search conducted by: Doctor at A&amp;E</b>
<b>2011</b>	3	3	3
<b>2012</b>	8	3	3
<b>2013</b>	23	16	16
<b>2014</b>	26	10	10
<b>2015</b>	14	9	9
<b>2016</b>	15	7	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>



Please note that the number of intimate Search authorisations that took place in 2016, was 15 as reported in the response to FOI 004807-17.

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 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](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