



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 006511-17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 19 September 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“The annual total number of cash forfeiture orders (cash seizure orders) and annual total value of cash forfeiture orders made under the Proceeds of Crime Act for each of the last 5 financial years (2012-13 to 2016-17 inclusive) broken down by year.*
2. *The annual total number of reclaimed cash forfeiture orders (unsuccessful cash seizures where the money is returned) and the annual total of reclaimed cash forfeitures (unsuccessful cash seizures where the money is returned) broken down by year for each of the last 5 financial years (2012-13 to 2016-17 inclusive).*
3. *Please detail a list of all expenditure for the last 3 financial years from money retained by the force from the Proceeds of Crime Act. Please provide the name of the expense, a description of what it is where necessary or detailed, quantity where relevant, and the amount paid.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 19 September 2017

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

1. The total number of cash forfeiture orders and the annual total value of cash forfeiture orders under POCA, is provided in the table below by force and financial year.

In October 2014 ERSOU took over Financial Investigation on behalf of Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary. The reason for the £0 figure in Suffolk is due to ERSOU taking over all cash detentions for Suffolk.

<b>Norfolk</b>	<b>No. Cash Forfeitures</b>	<b>Value of Cash Forfeitures (£)</b>	<b>Total Cash Seized (£)</b>
2016/17	14	£54,292.97	£13,250.00
2015/16	10	£37,197.16	£8,140.00
2014/15	6	£15,453.70	£22,750.00
2013/14	3	£12,741.99	£20,039.50
2012/13	9	£22,195.30	£17,191.08

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2016/17	27	£76,892.09	£0.00
2015/16	11	£112,203.74	£0.00
2014/15	6	£48,761.43	£0.00
2013/14	15	£31,021.53	£30,000.00
2012/13	18	£116,866.88	£3,014.07

- The Constabulary does not hold this information as we do not record the number of unsuccessful cash seizures where money is returned. If the money is returned than a cash forfeiture order would not be made.
- The total expenditure from money retained under POCA is provided below, confirming what the expenditure was for.

Financial Year	Description	Amount (£)	
		Norfolk	Suffolk
2016/17	Contributions to the ERSOU Non Creedon 5 Force Economic Crime Unit	£598,301	£454,286
2015/16	Cost of the ECCU staff/officers and other costs that were then part of the Economic Crime Unit	£150,316	£118,088
2014/15	Cost of the ECCU staff/officers and other costs that were then part of the Economic Crime Unit	£113,987	£244,017

In addition to the above, Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies can **neither confirm nor deny** that it holds any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

**Section 23(5) – Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies**

The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded), which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any bodies specified in subsection (3).

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

**This cannot be taken as confirmation or otherwise that further information does or does not exist.**

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](mailto: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 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](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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