

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 006827-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 13 October 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

“This request concerns the current number of vacancies at inspecting rank in your force.

- 1) *Please state the current number of establishment full time*
 - a) *inspector*
 - b) *chief inspector**positions in your force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.*

- 2) *Please state the current number of establishment full time*
 - a) *inspector*
 - b) *chief inspector**positions currently filled in you force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.*

- 3) *Please state the current number of establishment full time*
 - a) *inspector*
 - b) *chief inspector**positions currently unfilled in your force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.*

This figure should cover all full time roles in your force without a full time staff member in place, so positions covered by temporary staff or staff acting up should be considered unfilled for the purposes of this question.

If you do not have a calculated establishment, please simply give the current number of full time vacancies.

- 4) *Please state the number of staff of lower rank currently acting up at the grade of*
 - a) *inspector*
 - b) *chief inspector**in your force as of 13/10/17, or at the nearest possible data collection date to this day.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 30 September 2017

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

1. The Force establishment for Inspectors and Chief Inspectors, is as follows:

Inspectors – 52

Chief Inspectors – 13



2. The total strength (Full Time Equivalent (FTE)) for Inspectors and Chief Inspectors, is as follows:

Inspectors – 53.60
Chief Inspectors – 14

3. Considering the strength vs the establishment figures provided above, the Constabulary currently has +1 (Inspector) and +1 Chief Inspector, in variance to the establishment.

4. The number of staff acting up to the role of Inspector or Chief Inspector, is as follows:

Inspectors – 7
Chief Inspectors – 0

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*

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 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