



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 006860-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 17 October 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1) *"Broken down per year, how many custody suites have been closed between 2007 and the present day?"*
- 2) *How many cells were lost as a consequence?*
- 3) *How many custody suites, if any, are expected to close in the next 2 years?*
- 4) *Broken down per year, how many custody sergeants have been employed each year between 2007 and the present day?*
- 5) *Broken down per year, how many detainees have been processed each year between 2007 and the present day?"*

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 17 October 2017

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

1. The below custody facilities were closed in 2011 following the transition to 6 purpose built new Police Investigation Centres (PICs) within Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies.

### Norfolk

**Great Yarmouth Police Station** 8 cell custody closed on 07.11.2011.  
Howard Street North, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 1PH.

**King's Lynn Police Station** 10 cell custody closed 06.05.2011.  
St James Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 5DE.

**North Walsham Police Station** 3 cell custody closed on 21.02.2011.  
Yarmouth Road, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 9AW.

**Norwich City Police Station** 13 cell custody closed on 04.04.2011.  
Bethel Street, Norwich, NR2 1NN.

**Thetford Police Station** 5 cell custody closed on 28.04.2011.  
Norwich Road, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 2HU.

## Suffolk

**Bury St Edmunds Police Station** 14 cell custody closed on 08.07.2011.  
Raingate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2AP.

**Ipswich Police Station** 21 cell custody closed on 10.06.2011.  
Ipswich,

**Lowestoft Police Station** 10 cell custody closed on 11.11.2011.  
Old Nelson Street, Lowestoft, NR32 1PE.

2. No cells were lost as a consequence of this transition.

There were a total of 84 cells within the above mentioned custody facilities, however the PICs provide a total of 146 cells across both Constabularies, as follows:

### Norfolk Police Investigation Centres (PICs)

Aylsham – 8 cells  
Kings Lynn – 24 cells  
Gt Yarmouth – 30 cells  
Wymondham – 30 cells

### Suffolk Police Investigation Centres (PICs)

Bury – 24 cells  
Martlesham – 30 cells

3. No custody suites are expected to close in the next 2 years.
4. The total number of custody sergeants employees by the Constabularies from 2007 to dates, is provided below. Please note Suffolk data is only available from 2012 onwards.

Date	Norfolk		Suffolk	
	Headcount	Strength	Headcount	Strength
31.03.2017	37	36.4	25	25
31.03.2016	39	38.4	23	23
31.03.2015	39	38.4	26	25.8
31.03.2014	39	38.4	28	27.8
31.03.2013	38	37.4	28	28
31.03.2012	39	38.7	27	27
31.03.2011	36	36		
31.03.2010	36	36		
31.03.2009	30	30		
31.03.2008	34	34		
31.03.2007	33	33		

5. The total number of persons detained by the Constabularies prior to the PICs opening was as follows, noting that the figures relate to new records only, as opposed to bail returns etc.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>
2008	15,768	20,503
2009	16,890	19,856
2010	15,476	19,740
2011	14,923	19,453
2012	13,828	17225
2013	12,537	17006
2014	12,140	18702
2015	11,324	17828
2016	9,869	15984
2017	7,227	11,532

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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<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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