



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 007393-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 22 November 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"Since the Policing and Crime Act 2017 came into force on April 3rd 2017 and the option of "released under investigation" was introduced can you state how many people have been "released under investigation" between April 3 2017 - April 30, 2017?*
2. *Can you break this down into the offences they were arrested for?*
3. *How many people have been rearrested? And how many times have they been arrested?*

Can you repeat Qu 1- 3 for the periods May 1, 2017, - May 31, 2017, June 1, 2017, - June 30, 2017, July 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017, August 1, 2017, - August 31, 2017, September 1, 2017, - September 30, 2017, and October 1, 2017, - October 31, 2017.

4. *How many people have been released on police bail between April 3 2017 - April 30, 2017?*
5. *Can you break this down into the offences they were arrested for?*
6. *How many of these people have had their bail extended?*
7. *Can you break down the charges people who have had their bail extended face?*

Can you repeat Qu 4- 7 for the periods May 1, 2017, - May 31, 2017, June 1, 2017, - June 30, 2017, July 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017, August 1, 2017, - August 31, 2017, September 1, 2017, - September 30, 2017, and October 1, 2017, - October 31, 2017."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 22 November 2017

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

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. The Constabularies do not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, all of the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, exceeding the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests in terms of costs and therefore, Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

It is considered that to provide an answer to your request will take in excess of 36 hours to provide the information.

The Constabularies are unable to provide information to answer questions 3, 6 and 7, as this would require us to manually review all arrests to establish whether an individual was rearrested or not, whether their bail was extended and the charges faced by those who have had their bail extension.

There are over 4,000 arrest records relating to question 3 and 1,800 for questions 6 and 7. Each would need to be manually reviewed and considering a search of 4 minutes per entry, it would take well in excess of 386 hours to extract the data to answer the request in full.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: *"...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit."* The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the 'appropriate limit' for the Constabularies as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work per force at a standard rate of £25 per hour. This equates to 36 hours of work, or £900, for joint responses.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting *all* information your request is too broad to be complied with within the limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

The total number of people released under investigation (RUI), is as follows:

Period	Suffolk	Norfolk
03/04/17 - 30/04/17	228	262
01/05/17 - 31/05/17	293	332
01/06/17 - 30/06/17	244	400
01/07/17 - 31/07/17	288	359
01/08/17 - 31/08/17	242	293
01/09/17 - 30/09/17	260	331
01/10/17 - 31/10/17	313	345

The offences for which persons were released under investigation are provided in the table in the attached spreadsheet.

The total number of persons released on police bail, is as follows:

Period	Suffolk	Norfolk
03/04/17 - 30/04/17	25	23
01/05/17 - 31/05/17	12	20
01/06/17 - 30/06/17	39	35
01/07/17 - 31/07/17	43	40
01/08/17 - 31/08/17	56	16
01/09/17 - 30/09/17	44	24
01/10/17 - 31/10/17	42	40

The offences for which persons were released on police bail are provided in the table in the attached spreadsheet.

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 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 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