



5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 007603/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information on the cost of housing prisoners in police cells.

- 1 How much does it cost on average to house one prisoner? Please include a breakdown of the costs – custody staff, meals, cell accommodation, hygiene packs and any other related costs.
- 2 Could you also break down the charges down for a) 0-12 hours b) 0-24 hours

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies do not hold the information as requested.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary have 6 Police Investigation Centres where all arrested persons are processed.

These Police Investigation Centres (PICs) replaced the previous Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary custody suites which were in use up until 2010/11. The Police Investigation Centres were financed under a PFI arrangement and are privately owned. The Constabulary does not hold details of the average cost of a detainee.

Location	Details	Number of Cells
Aylsham	Norfolk	8 cells
Bury St Edmunds	Suffolk & Norfolk shared facility	24 cells
Great Yarmouth	Norfolk & Suffolk shared facility	30 cells
Kings Lynn	Norfolk	24 cells
Martlesham	Suffolk	30 cells
Wymondham	Norfolk	30 cells

The Finance Department has advised that it would be able to provide a total PFI cost for the Norfolk and Suffolk Police Investigation Centre facilities above. This information would not provide you with the specific information requested.

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, 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  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
OR  
Email: [freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@norfolk.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:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 01625 545 700