



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001376-20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 20 April 2020 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Since the Coronavirus Act came into force on 25 March, how many times between then and 20 April has your force used Schedule 21?”*
2. *Please could you provide the date of each incidence of use? If that is not possible, please provide the week in which it happened e.g. w/c 30 March. If that is not possible, please provide the month in which it happened - March or April.*
3. *Of the total number of times you used Schedule 21, how many times was it wrongfully used? This is something that might have been determined by a court. Please could you provide the dates for the wrongful incidents please? If that is not possible, please provide the week in which it happened e.g. w/c 30 March. If that is not possible, please provide the month in which it happened - March or April.*
4. *Have you charged anyone with an offence under Schedule 21 because they did not answer a member of the police's question?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 5 May 2020

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies arrest and fine data for all records recorded in relation to either schedule of the Coronavirus Act. The data was then filtered to include those that related specifically to Schedule 21 of the Act.

The information provided relates to all primary arrests made under ‘Coronavirus Act 2020 Schedule 21 - Offence relating to potentially infectious person(s)’.

1. A total of two arrests were located, both of which occurred in the Suffolk Constabulary force area.
2. The arrests were made on the 12th and 18th of April 2020.

3. This information is not held, however in both cases the outcome is recorded as 'refused charge'.
4. No

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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 40 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
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