



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002127-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 7 July 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

"I would like to know the total number of injuries that police officers have suffered. Please provide a total for each year I will stipulate below.

I would like to know the types of injuries that they are recorded to have suffered. I would like this broken down across the time period below.

I would like this information from across the past five years, up to the most recent set of data available for 2019."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 13th June, 2019

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

The information provided relates to all that is recorded by the Constabularies Health and Safety (H&S) Department. There may be additional injuries sustained by officers that have not been reported to H&S, but may be recorded on the crime system. Offences recorded where a police officer has sustained an injury falls under the generic crime category for violent offences and as the victim occupation is non-mandatory, we can not research accurately information from the crime system to establish whether there are any additional injuries that have not been referred to H&S.

The below tables reflect the type of injuries that have been recorded by Health and Safety for Police Officers broken down by year and Constabulary.

Norfolk

Injury	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Bruising	115	123	218	246	35
Sprain/Strain	109	125	137	102	21
Cuts/Grazes	110	146	189	211	44

Fractures	6	14	16	7	5
Needle/Stick	3	2	1	2	0
Unknown	35	57	41	47	8
Laceration	7	1	3	1	0
Internal	0	0	0	0	0
Dislocation	0	1	2	1	2
Ligament Damage	3	6	6	2	1
Burn/Scald	4	6	5	9	0
Spat At	6	9	19	18	4
Human Bite	6	9	19	18	4
Animal Bite	12	8	25	14	2
Whiplash	1	8	10	5	2
PTSD/Mental Health	3	0	2	2	1

Suffolk

Injury	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Bruising	61	48	105	131	27
Sprain/Strain	53	49	46	39	6
Cuts/Grazes	51	45	99	93	27
Fractures	9	9	2	10	3
Needle/Stick	1	2	2	1	0
Unknown	15	6	19	67	3
Laceration	15	6	2	3	0
Internal	5	1	0	0	0
Dislocation	3	1	1	0	1
Ligament Damage	0	1	1	5	1
Burn/Scald	0	5	4	1	0
Spat At	0	1	9	10	1
Human Bite	0	1	19	13	2
Animal Bite	0	0	9	3	0
Whiplash	0	0	4	1	0
PTSD/Mental Health	0	0	0	3	0

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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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