



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002255-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 16th July, 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“During 2018, How many people classed as IC1/IC2 (White - North European and White - South European combined) were arrested (charged or not) by officers of your force area for the following.*
 - *Breach of the peace*
 - *Hate Speech specifically against disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity 3. Section 5 of the POA*
2. *During 2018, how many people classed as IC6, Arab or North African, were arrested (charged or not) by officers of your force area for the same*
 - *Breach of the peace*
 - *Hate Speech specifically against disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity 3. Section 5 of the POA”*

Response to your Request

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

The response provided below is correct as of 2 July 2019

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system to determine the number of arrests made for the offences of Breach of the peace and offences under the Public Order Act.

The information provided in the tables below confirms the ethnicity for all detainees arrested for the aforementioned offences.

Please note that the Constabularies do not have a recorded ethnicity of ‘Arab or North African’, instead the Constabularies have ethnic data recorded as ‘Middle Eastern’. There were no arrests made of an individual with a recorded ethnicity of Middle Eastern.

Breach of the Peace							
Force	White - North European	White - South European	Asian	Black	Unknown	(blank)	Total
Norfolk	178	4	2	6	16	1	207
Suffolk	42	2		3	3		50
Total	220	6	2	9	19	1	257

Section 4 and 5 arrests							
Force / Arrest Reason	White - North European	White - South European	Asian	Black	Unknown	(blank)	Total
Norfolk	193	2	3	9	15		222
Public Order Act - Sec 5 - Religious/Racial	9			1	1		11
Public Order Act -Sec 4 - Religious/Racial	10						10
Public Order Act -Sec 4a - Religious/Racial	20		1		1		22
Public Order Act -Sec 5 - Harass/Alarm/Distress	154	2	2	8	13		179
Suffolk	153	1	3	11		2	170
Public Order Act - Sec 5 - Religious/Racial	9			1		1	11
Public Order Act -Sec 4 - Religious/Racial	9						9
Public Order Act -Sec 4a - Religious/Racial	12			1			13
Public Order Act -Sec 5 - Harass/Alarm/Distress	123	1	3	9		1	137
Grand Total	346	3	6	20	15	2	392

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
Telephone: 01625 545 700