



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003362-20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 7 October 2020 which you sought access to the following information:

“Please could you tell me, up to and including September 21, how many of the fixed penalty notices issued by the force under the coronavirus health protection regulations:

*remained unpaid after the 28-day payment period
are being formally contested
have been rescinded on appeal to the force”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14 October 2020

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

Information relating to the payment or non-payment of fines is processed and administered by ACRO Criminal Records Office. When a fine remains unpaid within the 28-day payment period, they are then returned to the Constabularies to go through the court process. However, the Constabularies are not able to establish whether the fines that were returned unpaid were as a result of an appeal, or whether they were simply just unpaid.

The information held by the Constabularies therefore is as follows:

Norfolk Constabulary issued 423 FPNs under the coronavirus health protection regulations and received 227 back to take to Court. 142 have been, or are being, prepared for court.

Suffolk Constabulary issued 290 FPNs under the coronavirus health protection regulations and 149 came back to take to Court. 100 have been, or are being, prepared for court.

Please note that the Constabularies will not be made aware if somebody contests by going Not Guilty at court.

The Constabularies would suggest that any additional information required should be directed to ACRO Criminal Records Office FOI team, via the following email address.

npcc.foi.request@cru.pnn.police.uk

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