



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004136-20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 14 December 2020 which you sought access to the following information:

“Please furnish me with the details of the covid FPN issuing authority that Suffolk constabulary are handing out covid FPN's on behalf of.

For clarification, the authority, company, business name or person who collects the revenue generated from the covid FPN's that your force issues people for allegedly breaching covid regulations”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 18 December 2020

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

ACRO Criminal Records Office is supporting the policing response to the covid-19 pandemic by administering fixed penalty notices (FPNs), as explained here <https://www.acro.police.uk/Contact-Us>.

ACRO Criminal Records Office is a national police unit working for safer communities. They are hosted by Hampshire Constabulary under the direction and control of the Chief Constable pursuant to a collaboration agreement made under section 22A of the Police Act 1996.

As part of this administration, they process all payments of FPN fines issued under coronavirus legislation on behalf of police forces in England and Wales. The funds from these payments are held by ACRO in a separate bank account used solely for this purpose.

ACRO is not a limited company, rather are a public sector organisation. They process all payments of FPN fines issued under coronavirus legislation on behalf of police forces in England and Wales.

The funds from these payments are being distributed to local authorities in England and Wales, in line with legislation.

Additional Information is available via the following link:

<https://www.acro.police.uk/News/Coronavirus-service-status-updates>

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