



July 2020

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002043/20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

We write to request information regarding the overnight detention of children. We also want information on your police force's arrangements for fulfilling its obligations under section 38(6) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984 to transfer children to Local Authority Accommodation post-charge.

We would be grateful if you could please provide us with the following information for the year 2019:

- 1 How does your constabulary define overnight detention? More specifically, what time does overnight detention begins and ends? How long does overnight detention lasts?
- 2 How many children (those under 18) were held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station?
  - A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
  - B If the information requested at 2a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 3 How many children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station were arrested on warrant/after a warrant of arrest had been issued?
  - A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
  - B If the information requested at 3a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
  - C Could you detail the detention period of those arrested on warrant? More specifically, what date and/or day of the week were they arrested? How long were they detained overnight for once arrested and during which hours of the day?
- 4 How many children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station were held post-charge?
  - A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?
  - B If the information requested at 4a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?

- 5 How many children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station were held pre-charge?  
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?  
 B If the information requested at 5a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 6 How many requests were made in 2019 under section 38 of PACE by your police station to the Local Authority to transfer children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) to Local Authority Accommodation post-charge?  
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?  
 B If the information requested at 6a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 7 How many requests were made in 2019 for secure accommodation under section 38 of PACE by your police station to the Local Authority to transfer children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) to Local Authority Accommodation post-charge?  
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?  
 B If the information requested at 7a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 8 How many requests were made in 2019 for non-secure accommodation under section 38 of PACE by your police station to the Local Authority to transfer children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) to Local Authority Accommodation post-charge?  
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?  
 B If the information requested at 8a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?
- 9 How many children (those under 18) held overnight (for 4 or more hours between the hours of 0000 and 0800) in 2019 in your police station were transferred to Local Authority accommodation post-charge?  
 A Can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age AND ethnicity?  
 B If the information requested at 9a is not available, can you provide a breakdown of these children by their age? Can you also provide a breakdown of these children by their ethnicity?

### **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below:

- Q1 Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies do not have a definition for Overnight Detention. When looking at data for detention statistics we would look at the hours of 11pm to 7am, 8 hours overnight detention.

Q2

Age	Ethnicity	Number
<b>NORFOLK</b>		
12	Unknown	2
	White - North European	10
13	Unknown	2
	White - North European	17
14	Asian	1
	Black	5
	Unknown	3
	White - North European	49
15	Black	12
	Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	1
	Middle Eastern	1
	Unknown	8
	White - North European	103
	White - South European	2
16	Asian	5
	Black	16
	Middle Eastern	2
	Unknown	11
	White - North European	102
	White - South European	6
17	Asian	2
	Black	20
	Middle Eastern	2
	Unknown	8
	White - North European	134
	White - South European	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>529</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>		
11	Unknown	1
	White - South European	1
12	Unknown	1
	White - North European	28
	White - South European	2
13	Unknown	1
	White - North European	18
	White - South European	7

<b>14</b>	Black	3
	Unknown	3
	White - North European	20
	White - South European	11
<b>15</b>	Asian	1
	Black	7
	Middle Eastern	1
	Unknown	2
	White - North European	55
	White - South European	3
<b>16</b>	Asian	3
	Black	4
	Middle Eastern	4
	Unknown	6
	White - North European	108
	White - South European	8
<b>17</b>	Asian	4
	Black	23
	Middle Eastern	2
	Unknown	11
	White - North European	83
	White - South European	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>428</b>

Q3

WEEKDAY	Age	Ethnicity	DURATION	START HOUR	END HOUR	Total
<b>NORFOLK</b>						
Monday	17	Black	20	11	7	1
Tuesday	15	White - North European	13	18	7	1
	17	White - North European	16	16	8	1
Thursday	16	Black	41	17	10	1
		White - North European	14	17	7	1
Saturday	17	Black	37	18	7	1
Sunday	17	White - North European	22	9	7	1
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>7</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>						
Monday	16	White - North European	17	15	8	1
		White - South	20	12	8	1

		European				
	17	White - North European	20	<b>11</b>	7	1
Tuesday	16	White - North European	25	<b>7</b>	8	1
Thursday	15	White - North European	10	<b>21</b>	7	1
Friday	16	White - North European	17	<b>14</b>	7	1
Saturday	17	Black	19	<b>12</b>	7	1
Sunday	16	White - North European	23	<b>11</b>	10	1
			41	<b>14</b>	7	1
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>9</b>

Q4

Age	Ethnicity	Number
<b>NORFOLK</b>		
12	White - North European	8
13	White - North European	3
14	White - North European	5
15	White - North European	13
16	Unknown	1
	White - North European	22
17	Black	2
	Unknown	1
	White - North European	30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>85</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>		
12	Unknown	1
	White - North European	12
13	White - North European	4
	White - South European	1
14	White - North European	3
	White - South European	1
15	White - North European	12
16	Unknown	1
	White - North European	17
	White - South European	3
17	Black	2
	White - North European	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>

Q5

Age	Ethnicity	Number
<b>NORFOLK</b>		
13	White - North European	2
14	Unknown	1
	White - North European	4
15	White - North European	6
16	Black	1
	Unknown	1
	White - North European	9
17	Asian	1
	Black	1
	White - North European	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>		
13	White - North European	1
14	White - North European	1
	White - South European	1
15	White - North European	2
16	White - North European	8
17	Black	1
	White - North European	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20</b>

Q6

Age	Ethnicity	Number
<b>NORFOLK</b>		
13	White - North European	2
14	White - North European	2
15	Black	3
	Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	1
	White - North European	6
16	Black	2
	White - North European	8
17	Asian	1
	Black	3
	White - North European	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>		

12	White - North European	11
13	White - North European	2
14	Black	2
	White - North European	1
	White - South European	1
15	Black	3
	White - North European	6
	White - South European	1
16	White - North European	8
17	Asian	1
	Black	5
	White - North European	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>48</b>

Q7

Age	Ethnicity	Number
<b>NORFOLK</b>		
13	White - North European	2
14	White - North European	2
15	Black	2
	Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	1
	White - North European	3
16	Black	1
	White - North European	7
17	Black	2
	White - North European	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>29</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>		
12	White - North European	7
13	White - North European	2
14	Black	2
	White - North European	1
	White - South European	1
15	Black	3
	White - North European	3
	White - South European	1
16	White - North European	7
17	Black	3
	White - North European	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>36</b>

Q8

Age	Ethnicity	Number
<b>NORFOLK</b>		
15	Black	1
	White - North European	3
16	Black	1
	White - North European	1
17	Asian	1
	Black	1
	White - North European	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>		
12	White - North European	4
15	White - North European	3
16	White - North European	1
17	Asian	1
	Black	2
	White - North European	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12</b>

Q9

Age	Ethnicity	Number
<b>NORFOLK</b>		
15	White - North European	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>SUFFOLK</b>		
12	White - North European	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3</b>