



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002122-20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 22 June 2020 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"In the last financial year (19-20) how many cases of domestic violence did you investigate where the victim was an adult and the alleged attacker was aged 17 or under? Please provide an age breakdown of these children who were investigated and a breakdown by gender.*
2. *How many children aged 17 or under were (i) cautioned and (ii) charged with domestic abuse in the last financial year? Please provide a table showing the numbers charged for each type of specific offence."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 26 June 2020

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all domestic violence offences recorded during the 2019/20 financial year, where the alleged perpetrator is recorded as being 17 years or under and the victim is recorded as being 18 or over.

Please note that the information provided will only include those where the date of birth has been recorded and there is a recorded victim/perpetrator. There may be relevant offences not included as the date of birth is not recorded or is recorded incorrectly, or those involved with the offence are recorded as an 'involved party'.

1. The total number of domestic related offences recorded where the suspect is 17 or under and the victim is 18 or over, is provided below, by suspect age and gender.

Norfolk				
Suspect Age	Female	Male	Not Recorded	Total
6			1	1
8		4		4

9	3	4		7
10	10	12		22
11	6	15		21
12	7	18		25
13	24	36		60
14	21	36		57
15	30	52		82
16	44	79		123
17	26	92		118
Grand Total	171	348	1	520

Suffolk			
Suspect Age	Female	Male	Total
5		1	1
7		1	1
8	1	1	2
9	1	6	7
10	2	4	6
11	3	16	19
12	3	11	14
13	10	25	35
14	11	20	31
15	20	33	53
16	42	65	107
17	38	79	117
Grand Total	131	262	393

2. The number of offences that resulted in a charge or caution, is provided below, noting that some of the offences will be under investigation and there are other available positive outcomes.

Force / Offence / Outcome	Total
Norfolk	17
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	3
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	2
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Harassment - without violence (course of conduct)	2
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1
Type 2A - Caution Youth - alternate offence. Offender is a juvenile and has been given a youth caution under the alternate offences rule.	1

Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	3
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	2
Other criminal damage, other (£5,000 and over)	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)	4
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	3
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Sec 4 POA Fear or provocation of violence	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988	2
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Indictable)	1
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1
Suffolk	23
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH)	4
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	4
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	7
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	3
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	2
Type 3 - Caution Adult	1
Minor wound without intent (s20)	1
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	1
Other criminal damage to a dwelling (Under £5,000)	6
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	5
Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	1
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Threats to kill	2
Type 2A - Caution Youth - alternate offence. Offender is a juvenile and has been given a youth caution under the alternate offences rule.	2
Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (does not include 'driving or being carried knowing motor vehicle has been taken')	1
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1
Grand Total	40

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.