



August 2017

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 005593/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many knife attacks have been reported to Norfolk Police in 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
- 2 How many of these led to convictions?
- 3 How many people died as a result of being stabbed with a knife in Norfolk in 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
- 4 How many under 18's have been caught carrying a knife in 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
- 5 Please give the exact age of each person caught carrying a knife in the most recent 12 months on record.
- 5 What was the outcome of those under 18's caught carrying a knife? (e.g no action or charged)

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017.

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

- Q1 Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes where the method used is Knife or those tagged with the 'knife crime' indicator. The crime categories researched are Violence Against Person, Homicide, Robbery and Possession of Weapons.

Financial Year	Number of Crimes
2014/15	154
2015/16	189
2016/17	294
<b>Total</b>	<b>637</b>

- Q2 The Constabulary does not hold statistical information for court outcomes. These are held by the HM Courts & Tribunals Service. We have provided below the crime outcomes. Please note that due to a change of crime recording systems in October 2015, there has been a change in the outcome types.

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<b>Crime Outcome</b>	<b>Number of Crimes</b>
<b>2014/15</b>	<b>154</b>
01. Charged/Summons	81
02. Caution-Youths	2
03. Caution-Adults	8
05. The offender has died (all offences)	1
08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	1
08.2. Extended Professional Judgement	3
12. Suspect is too ill to prosecute	2
14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	8
15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	19
16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	13
18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	16
<b>2015/16</b>	<b>83</b>
01. Charged/Summons	41
02. Caution-Youths	6
03. Caution-Adults	2
04. Taken into Consideration	1
08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	1
10. Not in the Public Interest (Police)	2
14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	4
15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	10
16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	11
17. Suspect identified but time limit has expired.	1
18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>237</b>

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<b>Crime Outcome</b>	<b>Number of Crimes</b>
<b>2015/16</b>	<b>106</b>
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	43
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	2
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	1
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	1
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	3
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	16
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	27
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative	4

Opportunities Becoming Available	
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	2
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	1
Type 3 - Caution Adult	3
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	1
<b>2016/17</b>	<b>294</b>
Not Recorded	17
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	96
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	1
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	4
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	2
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	22
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	30
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	56
Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	34
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	10
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	2
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.	1
Type 3 - Caution Adult	10
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>400</b>

Q3 The following figures are for the number of Homicide crimes.

Financial Year	Number of Crimes
2014/15	4
2015/16	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

Q4 The following figures are for the number of arrests for Possession of Offensive Weapon or Possession of Knife/Bladed Article where the person arrested was aged under 18.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Number of Crimes</b>
2014/15	3
2015/16	14
2016/17	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

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<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Most Serious Disposal</b>	<b>Age at Arrest</b>
2016/17	Charge	17
2016/17	Youth Conditional Caution	14
2016/17	Charge	13
2016/17	Refused Charge (NFA)	13
2016/17	Refused Charge (NFA)	14
2016/17	Charge	13
2016/17	Charge	15
2016/17	Refused Charge (NFA)	17
2016/17	Charge	14
2016/17	Charge	16
2016/17	Charge	17
2016/17	Charge	17
2016/17	Charge	16
2016/17	Further Enquiries (voluntary attendee)	12
2016/17	Charge	13
2016/17	Refused Charge (NFA)	17
2016/17	Refused Charge (NFA)	17
2016/17	Charge	17
2016/17	Refused Charge (NFA)	14
2016/17	Charge	16
2016/17	Charge	17
2016/17	Youth Conditional Caution	15
2016/17	Charge	16
2016/17	Charge	16
2016/17	Charge	15
2016/17	Refused Charge (NFA)	13
2016/17	Charge	16
2016/17	Refused Charge (NFA)	16
2016/17	Refused Charge (NFA)	15
2016/17	Charge	16