



**NORFOLK**  
CONSTABULARY  
*Our Priority is You*

April 2019

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000950/19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request the following information for the years 2013 to 2018 inclusive as well as the most up-to-date records for 2019:

1. The number of stop and searches police officers recorded
2. A breakdown of gender, age, race/ethnicity
3. Record of reason person was searched
4. An inventory of items found and confiscated
5. The number of arrests resulting from a stop and search
6. A list of offences for arrest

### **Response to your Request**

When responding to a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, a public authority is not obliged to provide information if the authority estimates that the cost of the retrieval of the information requested would be in excess of £450 (equivalent to 18 hours work).

The costs criteria relates to a request in its entirety, which means that if we cannot retrieve all of the information requested within the costs limit, we are not obliged to retrieve *any* of the information requested.

The Norfolk Constabulary estimates that to retrieve all the information you have requested would exceed cost in excess of £450.

Research has been undertaken of the stop and search database. With regard to question 4, it is not possible to electronically extract this information. We have identified that 3046 property items have been found but it would be necessary to carry out further research in order to provide the details of these.

Due to the number of items this would be an extensive task and significantly exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs, and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act states that a public authority is not obliged to:

*“...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit”.*

The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, defines the ‘appropriate limit’ for the Norfolk Constabulary as £450, and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

### Advice and Assistance

Although excess cost removes the Constabulary's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relevant to your request, which was retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Q1

Year	Number of Stop Searches
2013	15301
2014	11270
2015	9776
2016	6104
2017	4588
2018	4622
2019	947
<b>Total</b>	<b>52608</b>

Q2

Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Female	1476	1251	1197	813	605	587	117	6046
Male	13420	9768	8132	4917	3699	3918	818	44672
Not recorded	405	251	447	374	284	117	12	1890
<b>Total</b>	<b>15301</b>	<b>11270</b>	<b>9776</b>	<b>6104</b>	<b>4588</b>	<b>4622</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>52608</b>

Age	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
8	1	-	4	-	-	3	-	8
9	2	2	2	-	1	-	-	7
10	2	7	17	2	2	3	-	33
11	23	10	20	9	5	5	1	73
12	56	18	41	21	19	13	2	170
13	111	107	96	72	39	35	12	472
14	238	225	271	123	109	111	17	1094
15	444	455	422	262	197	216	29	2025
16	859	636	574	366	301	268	51	3055
17	1047	800	644	383	362	327	61	3624
18	1176	831	685	453	339	365	65	3914
19	1257	757	607	385	258	267	64	3595
20	941	730	485	286	219	208	40	2909
21	846	618	506	252	195	197	50	2664
22	796	509	446	234	151	162	40	2338
23	666	458	359	237	128	136	34	2018

24	498	389	354	240	135	111	35	1762
25	463	374	305	184	137	132	35	1630
26	429	320	280	188	125	114	30	1486
27	386	261	244	145	130	135	17	1318
28	439	241	242	155	101	116	18	1312
29	334	247	204	132	99	141	22	1179
30	243	197	193	135	83	98	30	979
31	283	223	173	128	69	85	17	978
32	273	228	199	121	76	76	16	989
33	267	197	183	103	105	102	12	969
34	209	187	141	86	80	84	13	800
35	223	201	158	106	75	65	12	840
36	197	180	175	95	77	90	13	827
37	229	145	119	104	85	76	18	776
38	180	137	106	85	63	84	20	675
39	168	120	110	82	55	69	13	617
40	164	110	105	69	47	71	22	588
41	145	104	100	61	66	54	8	538
42	142	113	88	79	50	49	12	533
43	113	104	79	72	53	43	5	469
44	115	79	71	59	56	36	7	423
45	106	71	66	66	44	42	10	405
46	90	89	59	42	53	42	5	380
47	117	78	75	53	33	44	11	411
48	94	66	76	51	32	33	11	363
49	80	54	46	42	37	29	7	295
50	87	72	59	42	35	22	5	322
51	64	69	54	29	22	27	5	270
52	58	36	43	14	15	14	5	185
53	36	33	39	12	20	21	2	163
54	40	26	31	11	13	12	4	137
55	53	23	21	21	16	12	2	148
56	43	22	17	13	8	13	3	119
57	31	24	20	8	9	10	1	103
58	22	12	12	9	10	9	4	78
59	22	15	14	9	4	8	3	75
60	21	20	6	2	5	3	1	58
61	21	11	11	7	6	9	-	65
62	18	8	12	8	4	2	4	56
63	13	6	9	9	1	4	1	43
64	22	7	9	2	3	3	-	46
65	6	7	7	2	2	4	2	30

66	11	9	6	5	3	2	1	37
67	13	4	6	3	-	4	2	32
68	11	3	7	4	2	1	-	28
69	7	2	6	1	2	-	2	20
70	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	6
71	2	2	1	3	2	2	-	12
72	4	4	2	1	1	1	-	13
73	4	6	2	-	1	1	-	14
74	4	4	-	1	-	-	-	9
75	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	6
76	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
77	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	5
78	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
79	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
80	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
81	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
82	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
83	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
84	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
86	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
87	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
89	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
92	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Blank	226	159	247	114	109	95	15	965
<b>Total</b>	<b>15301</b>	<b>11270</b>	<b>9776</b>	<b>6102</b>	<b>4588</b>	<b>4619</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>52603</b>

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Total</b>
A1 Indian	29	13	14	14	9	-	-	79
A2 Pakistani	10	14	20	13	6	-	-	63
A3 Bangladeshi	26	16	44	32	28	-	-	146
A9 Other Asian	142	81	97	46	18	-	-	384
African	-	-	-	1	34	47	9	91
Any other Asian background	-	-	-	-	12	42	4	58
Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	-	-	-	-	48	159	37	244
Any other ethnic group	-	-	-	-	2	35	7	44
Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background	-	-	-	-	20	76	12	108
Any other White background	-	-	-	-	124	538	100	762
Arab	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	7
B1 Caribbean	75	78	154	115	82	-	-	504
B2 African	115	112	137	143	88	-	-	595
B9 Other Black	145	143	143	135	81	-	-	647

Bangladeshi	-	-	-	-	7	22	2	31
Caribbean	-	-	-	-	28	41	6	75
Chinese	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	6
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	-	-	1	10	1243	2968	638	4860
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	-	-	-	-	2	24	12	38
Indian	-	-	-	-	6	10	2	18
Irish	-	-	-	-	9	9	1	19
M1 White and Black Caribbean	72	56	95	79	44	-	-	346
M2 White and Black African	22	19	27	23	10	-	-	101
M3 White and Asian	21	21	20	13	9	-	-	84
M9 Any other Mixed	83	88	91	61	35	-	-	358
N1 Person Declines to Define Their Ethnicity	171	184	163	153	130	99	25	925
N2 Person Does Not Understand What Is Required	46	38	56	22	11	-	-	173
N3 Officer's Presence is Urgently Required Elsewhere	9	17	21	13	8	-	-	68
N4 Situation Involving Public Order	17	9	18	11	7	-	-	62
Not stated	-	-	-	-	97	369	75	541
O1 Chinese	28	7	7	2	2	-	-	46
O9 Other	39	23	57	14	3	-	-	136
Pakistani	-	-	-	-	2	7	2	11
W1 British	12559	9080	7612	4621	2083	-	-	35955
W2 Irish	67	34	49	19	13	-	-	182
W3 Traveller of Irish Heritage	11	5	2	1	6	-	-	25
W4 Gypsy / Roma	4	4	2	2	-	-	-	12
W5 Other Travellers	12	1	-	1	1	-	-	15
W9 Any other White Background	1598	1227	946	560	224	-	-	4555
White and Asian	-	-	-	-	18	114	5	137
White and Black African	-	-	-	-	10	19	6	35
White and Black Caribbean	-	-	-	-	25	34	3	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>15301</b>	<b>11270</b>	<b>9776</b>	<b>6104</b>	<b>4588</b>	<b>4622</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>52608</b>

### Q3

Stop Search Reason	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
A - To enforce suspected traffic violation	-	56	606	471	257	259	51	1700
B - To check personal details / documents	-	31	548	288	174	179	40	1260
C - To check if wanted on warrant / bail conditions	-	8	135	90	67	44	2	346
D - To investigate suspected crime / disorder / ASB	-	226	6190	3972	3019	3101	664	17172
E - To follow up call for service / info received	-	13	393	310	284	334	64	1398
F - To follow up intelligence report	-	29	512	471	455	416	94	1977

G - To check on welfare	-	9	96	84	52	50	5	296
H - Part of a pre-planned police operation	-	36	166	149	83	118	9	561
J - Other	-	16	244	111	46	72	15	504
(blank)	15301	10846	886	158	151	49	3	27394
<b>Total</b>	<b>15301</b>	<b>11270</b>	<b>9776</b>	<b>6104</b>	<b>4588</b>	<b>4622</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>52608</b>

Q4

Property Found	Total
No	49562
Yes	3046
<b>Total</b>	<b>52608</b>

Q5/6

Outcome	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
1 - No Further Action	9733	6214	11	-	-	-	-	15958
1 - Summons/Charged by post	-	8	237	152	72	-	-	469
2 - Advised	2834	1989	3	-	-	-	-	4826
2 - Caution (simple or conditional)	-	12	192	108	39	-	-	351
3 - Khat or Cannabis Warning	-	27	412	316	165	-	-	920
3 - Verbally Warned	594	391	3	-	-	-	-	988
4 - Arrested	905	670	-	-	-	-	-	1575
4 - Penalty Notice for Disorder	-	4	105	48	23	-	-	180
5 - Community Resolution	-	8	170	103	57	-	-	338
5 - Other	1210	978	1	-	-	-	-	2189
6 - No Further Action	-	248	6291	4156	1924	-	-	12619
6 - Part 4 S30 ASB Act	2	5	16	-	-	-	-	23
7 - Arrested	-	10	395	469	343	-	-	1217
Article found - Detailed outcome unavailable	-	-	-	-	10	152	38	200
Local resolution	-	-	-	-	49	94	22	165
Nothing found – No further action	-	-	-	5	1119	3004	593	4721
Offender cautioned	-	-	-	-	20	60	12	92
Offender given drugs possession warning	-	-	-	2	95	275	66	438
Offender given penalty notice	-	-	-	-	16	21	5	42
Suspect arrested	-	-	-	1	224	654	142	1021
Suspect summonsed to court	-	-	-	-	45	89	8	142
Suspected psychoactive substances seized – No further action	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	10
(blank)	23	706	1940	744	387	264	60	4124
<b>Total</b>	<b>15301</b>	<b>11270</b>	<b>9776</b>	<b>6104</b>	<b>4588</b>	<b>4622</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>52608</b>