



30<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 006076/17 & 6084/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

I would like to make the following requests relating to the policing of any fracking, oil and/or gas drilling/exploration protests and opposition in your constabulary in the last five years.

The questions should follow logically and should not prove too burdensome to answer. I have tried to be as clear as possible, but please let me know at the earliest possible opportunity if you require any clarifications.

I am requesting all of the information in digital form, an excel file for data is preferred to graphs and tables embedded within pdf files.

Can you please provide the answers to the following questions, in every case I am asking for details within the last five years and by 'drilling' I mean shale gas exploration, conventional and unconventional oil and gas drilling:

Staffing

- 1 Have there been any licences granted for drilling in your constabulary?
- 2 Have there been any licences granted for drilling in your constabulary that has required your force to deploy officers to manage/police any opposition/protests in relation to those drilling licences?
- 3 If yes, in relation to which licences and sites has officers from your force been employed?
- 4 How many officers have been on-site to police protests since the first deployment until the present day - a cumulative total is requested?
- 5 Have all of the officers on-site been from the Norfolk Constabulary?
- 6 If not, from which constabularies and in what numbers were officers drafted?
- 7 Which force was responsible for covering the cost of bringing in officers from outside the Norfolk Constabulary?
- 8 What has the total cost been, so far, to the Norfolk Constabulary, for bringing in officers from outside the Norfolk Constabulary?

Costs

- 9 How many staff hours in total, from the first deployment until the time of this request, has been diverted to policing the aforementioned protests?
- 10 How many Norfolk Constabulary officers have been taken from other, regular duties to police the protests?
- 11 How many Norfolk Constabulary officers are working overtime to cover the protests?
- 12 What is the highest payment/remuneration paid to an officer for one shift covering the protest, including any bonus or overtime payments? How long was said shift?

- 13 What is the average amount of extra/bonus/overtime remuneration paid to all of the officers who have been responsible for policing these sites?
- 14 What has been the total cost to the Norfolk Constabulary for the policing of drilling sites, from first deployment until the time of this request?
- 15 How much have the firm/s operating the licence/s paid the Norfolk Constabulary to cover the cost of the policing efforts?

#### Arrests

- 16 How many arrests have been made during the policing operation at the site/s? (Can arrestee details be categorized by age, gender, and town/city of residence, please?)
- 17 What were the grounds of each arrest?
- 18 How many of those arrested were later charged? (Can the details of those charged be categorized by age, gender, and town/city of residence, please?)
- 19 Of those charged, how many cases progressed to court? (Can the details of the people in those cases be categorized by age, gender, and town/city of residence, please?)
- 20 How many charges were dropped before any court appearance? (Can the details of those charged, whose charges were later dropped, be categorized by age, gender, and town/city of residence, please?)
- 21 Of the cases that progressed to court, how many defendants were found guilty of the charge against them? (Can the plea of the defendant, their age, gender, and town/city of residence also be provided, please?)

#### Use of force

- 22 How many reports of violence or aggression against your officers have you received - in relation to the policing of the site/s?
- 23 Have any of your officers reported any injuries sustained during the policing of the site/s?
- 24 If so, what were their injuries and how were they sustained?
- 25 How many official complaints have the Norfolk Constabulary received by protesters and local residents about the policing of their activities at the site/s?
- 26 What were the complaints relating to?
- 27 How many 'use of force' reports have been submitted by officers at the site/s? (I would like the day as the number of reports per day, from the first deployment until the present day)
- 28 Can you provide any further details of the nature of the force detailed in the reports? If so, what force was used against protesters?
- 29 What equipment are officers permitted to use in the course of their policing at the site/s (i.e. batons, cuffs, spray, etc.)?
- 30 How often has the Norfolk Constabulary had cause to use any of that equipment, and what specifically, since first deployment at the site/s and the date of this request?
- 31 Are officers been given any specific training before being deployed on the site/s for the first time?
- 32 If so, what is the training?
- 33 If no, why not?

#### Training and guidelines

- 34 Does the Norfolk Constabulary have any specific guidelines relating to the policing of protests at the site/s - particularly relating to 'slow walking' protests?
- 35 If so, what are those guidelines and how were they communicated to protesters?
- 36 Is there a record of the number of times protesters broke those guidelines and what action was taken?
- 37 If yes, please provide those details.

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies do not hold any information in relation to your request.

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>  
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, 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  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
OR  
Email: [freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@norfolk.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 20 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](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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