



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: F-2014-02424

REQUEST DETAILS:

"How many sightings of big cats have been reported to Suffolk Constabulary since 2004?"

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 9 September 2014

A search was completed of the Constabulary's call data for all events where 'big cat' appeared in the freetext of the event.

The following information split by year, provides the number of sightings reported in Suffolk.

2004 – 4
2005 – 0
2006 – 0
2007 – 0
2008 – 0
2009 – 1
2010 – 1
2011 – 1
2012 – 1
2013 – 1
2014 – 1

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.