

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 26932

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am seeking information relating to road traffic collision (RTC) incidents attended by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service following the ban on recreational possession of nitrous oxide (effective 8 November 2023).

1. Please provide the total number of road traffic collision incidents attended by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service where any mention of the following terms appears in incident logs, notes, hazards sections, or any free-text fields of your Incident Recording System:

- "nitrous oxide"*
- "laughing gas"*
- "NOS"*

There is no mention of any of these terms in any logs of RTCs attended by Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service. The requester may find this recorded by Suffolk Police in their logs

a) Please provide separate aggregated totals for each of the following periods:

- 2023 (8 November 2023 to 31 December 2023 only)*
- 2024 (1 January to 31 December 2024)*
- 2025 (1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 or the most recent available date if full data is not available)*

b) Please provide the response as separate figures only for each period (e.g., "2023 (8 Nov–31 Dec): X incidents"; "2024: Y incidents"; "2025 (to date): Z incidents"). No details of individual incidents, dates, locations, or descriptions are required.

2. For the same stated periods, please also provide the total number of road traffic incidents attended by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (regardless of nitrous oxide involvement) for context.

2023 – 256

2024 – 262

2025 – 261