



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 000080-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

"Please provide figures for the number of recorded sexual offences where both the offender and victim were children (under the age of 18) for the period: 1st January 2016 – 31st December 2016.

It is the number of recorded offences that we seek. What we are trying to ascertain is whether there has been an increase in the number of recorded sexual offences involving children, where the perpetrator and the victim are both children."

RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 3 January 2017

The total number of sexual offences recorded where the victim and offender were both under the age of 18, is provided in the table below, by month.

Please be aware that the data relies entirely on the date of birth being entered into the crime and that it is recorded accurately.

Month	Number of Crimes
January	5
February	9
March	6
May	5
June	5
July	1
August	4
September	3
November	2
December	2
Grand Total	52

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set



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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.

Please be aware that the information provided/researched from the 19 October 2015 has been extracted from the Athena crime system. The information provided is subject to change as processes are amended to ensure accurate and precise crime recording.