



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 000508-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

- 1) *"How many of reported cases of sexual offences involving the internet and grooming were reported in the last five years.
Could I please have a year by year breakdown"*
- 2) *The age of the oldest person arrested on suspicion of sexual offences involving the internet and grooming*
 - 2a) *What they were arrested for and on what date*
 - 2b) *Were they charged*
- 3) *The age of the youngest person arrested on suspicion of sexual offences involving the internet and grooming*
 - 3a) *What they were arrested for and on what date*
 - 3b) *were they charged*
- 4) *How many people were charged with sexual offences involving the internet and grooming
Could I have this as a year by year breakdown."*

RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 17 January 2017.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all sexual offences involving the internet and grooming, recorded from January 2012 – December 2016.

1. Information concerning the number of offences recorded by month and year is provided on the attached excel spreadsheet.

Please note that the information is provided in two tabs due to a change in crime recording system during October 2015.

Additionally, the information is provided by date the offence was alleged to have returned

2. The oldest person arrested during this time was aged 58 for the offence of 'sexual grooming', they were arrested on 11 December 2016.
3. The youngest person arrested during this time was aged 18 for the offence of 'Cause/Incite Sexual Act', they were arrested on 1 April 2014.



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4. The total number of persons charged for internet grooming offences for the time frame requested, is provided in the table below. Please note that a charge is not the only available outcome for such offences and therefore we have provided all outcomes.

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.

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.