



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000519-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 4 February 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“How many offences of Sexual Communication with a Child were recorded by your police force in England and Wales between April 2017 when the law changed, and December 31 2017?”*

*If possible, please could you provide a breakdown of method used by groomers (eg. Snapchat) in the recorded offences of Sexual Communication with a Child during the specified period?”*

*If possible, please could you provide a breakdown of (a) how many boys and (b) how many girls were targeted by groomers in offences recorded during the specified period?”*

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 16 February 2018

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and our response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all offences recorded of ‘Attempted / Engage in sexual communication with a child’, ‘meeting a child following sexual grooming’ and ‘causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity’, during April to December 2017.

The tables provided below confirm the total number of offences recorded by victim gender, method used and Force.

Norfolk				
Method Used	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
Bobbin	1			1
Discord		1		1
Facebook messenger	16			16
Fight List	1			1
Imessage	1			1
Instagram	3	1		4

Kik	1			1
Live.Me	1			1
Musical.ly	2			2
Omegle		2		2
Roblox	1			1
Skype	1			1
Snapchat	9			9
Spicey	1			1
Unknown	5		1	6
Words with Friends	1			1
Xbox		1		1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>

Suffolk				
Method Used	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
Chat Step	1			1
Email			1	1
Facebook	2			2
Facebook Messenger	7			7
Facebook Video Call		1		1
Gmail		1		1
Google Hangouts	1			1
Grinder		1		1
Instagram	7			7
Kik	2			2
Live Me	2			2
MSN Messenger	1			1
Oovoo	1			1
Playstation	1			1
Public	4			4
Snapchat	2	1		3
Text Message		1		1
Unknown	4		1	5
WhatsApp	2			2
Yellow Teen Dating App	1			1
Youtube	1			1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46</b>

*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.***

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, 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  
Suffolk Constabulary  
Police Headquarters  
Martlesham Heath  
Ipswich  
Suffolk  
IP5 3QS  
OR  
Email: [information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@suffolk.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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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