



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 000522-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

“How many suspects have been identified with regards to online sexual offences (i.e... people who download and distribute indecent images of children) in 2016?”

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 offences recorded that relate to sexual offences containing a cyber-enabled flag, thus identifying the online element to the crime.

Please note that this search will only pick up those offences where the inputting officer has selected the appropriate online flag.

The Constabulary identified a total of 17 suspects arrested in relation to cyber-enabled sexual offences, during 2016.

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.