

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000588-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 9 February 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am writing to request **anonymous** information about recorded extreme pornography offences that have been recorded by your constabulary between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2017.*

*How many incidents of possession of extreme pornographic images (as per Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008) were **recorded** in your force between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2017?*

*How many of these incidents led to a **charge**?*

*For the incidents that led to a charge, please provide the following aggregated information on the offenders **for each offence category***

*For how many of these (charged) incidents was a separate offence **of any nature** recorded at the same time/during the course of the investigation?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 9 February 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary’s crime system for all offences recorded concerning the extreme pornographic images, during the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years.

1. The total number of offences recorded during the 2015/16 – 2016/17 financial years, is as follows, including the offence:

Offence	2015/16	2016/17
Possessing prohibited images of children	2	8
Possession of extreme pornographic image - a person performing an act of intercourse or oral sex with an animal (whether dead or alive) (bestiality)	3	
Grand Total	5	8

2. The total number of persons charged as a result of the above offences, is as follows:



Offence	2015/16	2016/17
Possessing prohibited images of children		1
Possession of extreme pornographic image - a person performing an act of intercourse or oral sex with an animal (whether dead or alive) (bestiality)	1	
Grand Total	1	1

3. The gender, ethnicity and age groups of the two persons charged, are recorded as follows:

2015/16 – Male; White British; 20-29

2016/17 – Male; White British; 40-49

4. Other offences committed by one individual was; Domestic Assault; Acquisition, use & possession of criminal property.

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.

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 Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify 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*

In all possible circumstances 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 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 or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700