

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001011-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 16.03.2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I am a student studying at the University of York writing a dissertation on Hate Crime and the possible effects Brexit had on it.

Therefore, would you be able to provide me with any stats you have regarding Hate Crime in your area?

It would be exceedingly helpful for the past 10 years of figures as well as being preferable if you can separate reports and investigations. Though any information is exceedingly helpful."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 27/03/2018

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

A search has been carried out on our crime information systems CIS and Athena, in relation to hate crime that has been investigated and reported. The below table has been broken down into years and the total number of hate crime and non-crime recorded for the respective years.

Year	Hate Crime	Hate – Non Crime
2008	491	119
2009	675	170
2010	730	94
2011	653	123
2012	514	118
2013	435	130
2014	498	148
2015	462	92
2016	416	69
2017	559	100
2018	93	28

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