



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 001175-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

"If Suffolk Constabulary participates in the Home Office scheme to report antisemitic crime from April 2016 onwards, please go to Question 1.

If Suffolk Constabulary does not participate in the Home Office scheme to report antisemitic crime from April 2016 onwards, please go to Question 2.

Question 1:

We would be grateful if you could please provide us with:

- 1. The total number of antisemitic crimes recorded;*
- 2. The total number of antisemitic violent crimes recorded which fell into the Home Office categories of "homicide", "violence with injury" and "racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury";*
- 3. The total number of antisemitic crimes that resulted in charges being brought; and*
- 4. The total number of antisemitic non-criminal incidents recorded.*

Ideally, please provide a table with the following headings:

- Number of antisemitic crimes recorded*
- Number of antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence*
- Number of antisemitic crimes resulting in charges being brought*
- Number of antisemitic incidents reported*

Question 2:

We would be grateful if you could search for racially and religiously-motivated crimes and non-criminal incidents in your CRIS using the following whole keywords (i.e. not parts of words, but whole words, so that when you search for "Jew", entries containing "jewellery" are not



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returned).

Since use of all the keywords might prevent you from answering this FOI request due to excessive cost, please only use the keywords (starting at the top) that can be used without incurring excessive cost.

The keywords are:

- 1. Jew/Jews/Jewish/Judaism*
- 2. Semite/Semitic/Semitism*
- 3. Antisemite/Antisemitic/Antisemitism*
- 4. Yid/Yids/Yiddo/Yiddish*

*In your response, please advise which keywords you were able to include, and for the totality of your search, please advise in each month **separately**:*

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RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 22 January 2017

Suffolk Constabulary does record hate incidents under the Home Office categories.



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A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences that contain a 'Hate Incident - Religious – Jewish' flag.

The Constabulary has located two offences from April 2016 to the date of the request, as detailed within the table below.

Neither of these offences resulted in a charge being brought.

Offence		Month	Outcome
Racially or religiously aggravated Harassment or stalking without violence	VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY	Sep	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action
Use of words or behaviour or display or written material (Acts intended to stir up racial hatred)	OTHER OFFENCES PUBLIC ORDER	Jul	Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.

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.