



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 001188-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

“How many recorded crimes have there been of non-recent sex offences against under 18s over the last three financial years (2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16)? Non-recent is defined as when the offence is alleged to have occurred more than a year before it was reported.

What were the outcomes of these recorded offences?”

RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 23 January 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all sexual offences recorded, which were alleged to have occurred a year or more prior to the offences being reported to the Constabulary.

The Constabulary located a total of 389 relevant offences, which are provided in the table below by year recorded and outcome.

Outcome	13/14	14/15	15/16	Total
BAILED TO POLICE STATION		3		3
Crime Cancelled			1	1
No Crime	1			1
NO FURTHER ACTION	32	39	14	85
No Information	52	67	25	144
Out of Force		7	9	16
REBAILED		1		1
REPORTED FOR CONSIDERATION		1		1
Type 1 - Charged	14	23	7	44
Type 1 - Summons	2	4		6
Type 10 - Public Prosecution Not in the Public Interest - Police Decision		1		1
Type 14 - Evidential difficulties victim based. Suspect not identified. The crime is confirmed but the victim declines or is unable to support further police action to identify the offender.		2	1	3



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Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	2	4	5	11
Type 16 - Evidential difficulties victim based – named suspect identified – the victim does not support or has withdrawn support for police action.		8	10	18
Type 18 - Investigation complete – no suspect identified.			4	4
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken			8	8
Type 22 - Transferred to Athena	1	6	14	21
Type 3 - Adult Cautioned by Police	1	1	4	6
Type 5 - Offender Deceased	8	5	2	15
Grand Total	113	172	104	389

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.