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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001213-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 03<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“During the period of 1 January 2015 to 1 January 2018:*

*How many cases involving false rape complaints did you refer to the CPS for charging decisions (sometimes known as ‘Pre-Charge Advice’), under Perverting the Course of Justice or Wasting Police Time?*

*Please provide a breakdown by year and of the suspects’ age, charge and where known, if the referral resulted in a prosecution.*

*How much money has been spent by the police force in investigating these false allegations of rape?*

*Please provide a breakdown by year.”*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

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

A search has been carried out on our Crime Information System Athena In relation to false rape complaints including those where it is a third party making the allegation. This information was further examined and we can confirm that none were subsequently referred CPS for a charging decision under Perverting the Course of Justice or Wasting Police Time. Although none were referred to CPS, two were dealt with using a restorative justice solution and a further one by way of FPN.

We do not hold any information on how much money is spent on investigating false allegations of rape, the number of hours investigating cases of alleged rape is not recorded and therefore to give you a figure in relation to cost would not be possible.

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](mailto: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](http://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