



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 001379-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

*"I am interested to know **figures for the number of sexual offences reported to Suffolk Police that were committed in hospitals** (NHS wards, private clinics and other health centres) in 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011. Please could you break these down according to whether the offences were rapes or "other" sexual offences, and whether they were committed against a minor or an adult.*

Just to clarify, I am defining a minor as someone aged below 16."

RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 26 January 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all sexual offences recorded where the premises type is recorded as 'hospital'.

The information provided in the table below confirms all offences recorded during the 2011 – 2017 calendar years (to the date of the request). The data includes whether the offence was a rape or other sexual offences and whether the victim was aged under 16 or aged 16 and over.

Please note that the year is the year the offence was reported to have been committed, as opposed to the reported year.

Year Committed / Offence	Victim Under 16		Grand Total
	NO	YES	
2011			
Rape	1		1
Other Sexual Offences	5	1	6
2012			
Other Sexual Offences	1		1
2013			
Rape	2		2
Other Sexual Offences	2		2



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2014			
Rape	1		1
Other Sexual Offences	23		23
2015			
Rape	9		9
Other Sexual Offences	27	1	28
2016			
Rape	4		4
Other Sexual Offences	4		4
2017			
Other Sexual Offences	1		1
Grand Total	80	2	82

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.