



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001404-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 18 April 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I would like to know in the past three years how many people have been charged after attacking a pregnant woman who went on to miscarry, and of those, how many were charged under child destruction."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 26 April 2018.

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

There are no specific search categories that identify assaults that have led to a miscarriage. Therefore, the Constabulary has completed a search of the crime system for all offences recorded that contain the words 'pregnant', 'pregnancy' and 'miscarriage'. Due to the limitations of this search, there may be additional offences recorded that have not been identified. For example if the term 'miscarriage' was not included, then this offence would not appear in the data returns.

Each offence was then manually reviewed to extract those that specifically related to a person attacking a pregnant women whom went on to miscarry.

The Constabulary located one offence of 'Assault with intent to cause serious harm'. No further action was taken against the suspect.

No offences were located that resulted in a person being charged with child destruction.

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;

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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