

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001794-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 22 May 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

***“A) On each sheet the number of crimes where there is present on the crime records a branch flag for Homophobic Hate Crime (HO or HR); for each of the calendar years from 2007 - 2018; further broken down by:***

*Sheet 1: MAJOR AND MINOR CRIME CLASSIFICATION – The main category and subcategory of the crime, e.g. Major – 11: Violence Against the Person; Minor – 110: Homicide; or 111: Violence with Injury; or 112: Violence without injury*

*Sheet 2: AREA – The area in which the offence occurred, which may be categorized depending on the police force by: Area, or Borough, or Operational Command Unit (sometimes listed as SUMMARY X OCU)*

*Sheet 3: SELF DEFINED ETHNICITY OF SUSPECT – e.g. A1: Asian – Indian; A2: Asian – Pakistani*

*Sheet 4: SELF DEFINED ETHNICITY OF VICTIM – as above*

*Sheet 5: GENDER OF SUSPECT – the gender of the suspect, usually Female, Male or Unknown/unrecorded*

*Sheet 6: GENDER OF VICTIM – as above*

*Sheet 7: AGE OR AGE GROUP – the age or age group of the suspect and victim*

*Sheet 8: CLEAR UP METHOD – whether Undetected, Charge or Summons, Caution or Community Resolution (Clear Up Method is the categorization used for outcomes, in most police forces prior to April 2014)*

*Sheet 9: OUTCOME - the expanded outcomes list introduced by the Home Office to most forces in April 2014 (e.g. number of charges or conviction)*

***B) For A) to be repeated except searching for a branch flag for Transgender Hate Crime (HT) instead of homophobic hate crime***

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 7 June 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all hate crime recorded that has a transgender or homophobic marker.

The data provided in the attached spreadsheets confirms the information for each strain of hate crime and is broken down as follows:

- Tab 1 – Offence data
- Tab 2 – Location by Policing Area
- Tab 3 – Suspect self-defined ethnicity
- Tab 4 – Victim self-defined ethnicity
- Tab 5 – Suspect Gender
- Tab 6 – Victim Gender
- Tab 7 – Age band of the victim and suspect
- Tab 8 – Offence outcomes

***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;  
<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  
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