



## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001955-18**

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

1. "How many crimes has your force recorded during each of the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 where the crime report contains the word "spyware".

Please provide a breakdown for each year giving:

- a. A summary of the crime report including the month, the offence(s) recorded and a summary of the circumstances with reference to the type/nature of spyware if possible.
  - b. The gender(s) of the suspect(s) and the gender of the alleged victim(s) (please exclude this part of my FoI request if it you conclude it would risk identifying any individuals or exceed the time limit).
  - c. What the result of the investigation was, for example a charge or caution etc.
2. How many crimes has your force recorded during each of the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 where the crime report contains the word "malware".

Please provide a breakdown for each year giving:

- a) A summary of the crime report including the month, the offence(s) recorded and a summary of the circumstances with reference to the type/nature of malware if possible.
- b) The gender(s) of the suspect(s) and the gender of the alleged victim(s) (please exclude this part of my FoI request if it you conclude it would risk identifying any individuals or exceed the time limit).
- c) What the result of the investigation was, for example a charge or caution etc."

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 8 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 offences recorded that contain the words 'spyware' or 'malware' in the freetext of the crime. Please be aware that this will only return those offences that contain these words specifically and will not account for any spelling errors etc.

Please note that, in accordance with the request, genders have not been supplied as a result of the low numbers of offences recorded and the risk of individuals being identified.

1. The total number of offences that contained the word 'spyware' is provided in the table below, including the offence title, brief summary and outcome.

Year	Crime Number	Incident Text	Outcome
16/17	First instance harassment	Suspect said would put spyware onto victim's computer and started monitoring.	Non Crime
17/18	Harassment	It may be, from what the victim is disclosing the suspect has installed spy software.	Under Investigation
	Stalking involving serious alarm / distress	Victim thought someone must have installed spyware onto computer	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.

2. The Constabulary located no offences that contained the word 'malware' within the crime freetext.

Suffolk can **neither confirm nor deny** that it holds any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

**Section 23(5) – Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies**

The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded), which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any bodies specified in subsection (3).

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

**This cannot be taken as confirmation or otherwise that further information does or does not exist.**

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