



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: **FOI Request 002163-17**

REQUEST DETAILS:

1) *"How many incidents of harassment have been recorded on Social Media Platforms in 2016?"*

if possible

2) *How many incidents of harassment have been recorded on Facebook specifically in 2016?"*

3) *How many incidents of harassment have been recorded on Twitter specifically in 2016?"*

RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 30 January 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all harassment offences that contain a cyber-enabled flag.

Each of the offences extracted were then manually reviewed to extract those that contain the word Facebook or Twitter.

The information located is provided below, bearing in mind that the information is solely reliant on the inputting officer selecting the cyber enabled flag.

1) Suffolk Constabulary has a total of 120 cases of harassment recorded on Social Media Platforms during 2016.

2) A total of 100 of the offences referred to in question 1 related to Facebook.

3) A total of 4 of the offences referred to in question 1 related to Twitter.

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



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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.