



## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002549-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 19 July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Grindr” has been use? (ie where the term Grindr has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2015? 2016? 2017? 2018?”*
2. *How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Tinder” has been use? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2015? 2016? 2017? 2018?”*
3. *How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Bumble” has been use? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2015? 2016? 2017? 2018?”*
4. *How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “dating app” has been use? (ie where the term dating app has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2015? 2016? 2017? 2018?”*

*When providing the numbers, please can you specify the nature of the crime (eg. sexual assault) and whether it resulted in a charge (y/n). Please treat each year as a calendar year from Jan-Dec, except for 2018 where Jan-June will suffice.”*

### **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 30 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 ‘Grindr’, ‘Tinder’, ‘Bumble’ or ‘Dating App’, for the years specified up to 30 June 2018.

The total number of offences recorded is provided below including the offence and outcome. Please note that by their very nature, free text searches are not accurate. There may be additional relevant offences that do not contain these words / spellings specifically and will therefore not be shown in the return below.



Outcome	Offence Group	Bumble	Dating App	Grindr	Tinder
<b>2015</b>					
<b>Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition</b>	Burglary Dwelling			1	
<b>Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties</b>	Non Counting Fraud				1
	Sexual Offences				2
	Unmapped				1
	Violence Against Person				1
<b>Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties</b>	Sexual Offences				1
	Theft Other	1			
	Violence Against Person				1
<b>Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.</b>	Burglary Dwelling	2			
	Burglary Non-Dwelling	1			
	Criminal Damage				1
	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1			
	Theft Other	2			
<b>Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency</b>	Non Counting Fraud				1
	Violence Against Person				1
<b>No Crime</b>	Non Counting Fraud				1
<b>Type 7 - Penalty Notice</b>	Drugs Offences			1	
<b>Type 12 - Offender too ill to prosecute</b>	Burglary Dwelling			1	
	Violence Against Person			1	
<b>Type 2 - Caution</b>	Violence Against Person	1			1
<b>Type 3 - Caution</b>	Violence Against Person				1
<b>2016</b>					
<b>Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition</b>	Other Sexual Offences		1	1	
<b>Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Suspect Not Identified</b>	Violence Without Injury				1
<b>Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties</b>	Other Sexual Offences				1
	Rape				1
<b>Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties</b>	Criminal Damage				1
	Misc Crimes Against Society				1
	Violence Without Injury		2		2
<b>Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.</b>	Criminal Damage				1
	Other Theft		1		



Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	Misc Crimes Against Society				1
<b>2017</b>					
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	Other Sexual Offences			1	
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	Rape				1
	Violence Without Injury		1		1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	Other Sexual Offences			1	
	Other Theft				1
	Rape		1		3
	Violence Without Injury		3		
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	Other Sexual Offences		1		
	Other Theft		2		1
	Violence Without Injury			1	3
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	Other Theft		1		
	Rape				1
No Crime	Other Sexual Offences			1	
Under Investigation	Other Sexual Offences			1	
Transferred	Other Theft				1
<b>2018</b>					
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified	Other Sexual Offences			1	
	Violence Without Injury				1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	Stalking and Harassment		1		
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	Other Sexual Offences				1
	Other Theft		1		
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	Misc Crimes Against Society			1	1
Under Investigation	Burglary - Residential				1
	Rape		2		1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>39</b>

*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.*



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<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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