



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003058-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 20 August 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

- "The number of reported online hate crimes recorded as a violence against the person offence, broken down by gender (i.e. the number of women who reported these crimes and the number of men), over the following time periods:
 - 2016-2017 (the timescale covered by the Hate Crime 2016/17 statistics)
 - 2017-2018 (the timescale covered from the last published statistics to the present)*
- We are also interested in finding out the number of reported online hate crimes (recorded as a violence against the person offence) where violence with injury was also a factor. In reading the Hate Crime Statistics report we imagine this would be recorded as either: violence with injury with online hate crime (recorded as a violence against the person offence) flagged as an aggravating factor, or vice versa.*
- With this information we are looking to ascertain how many reports of online violence resulted in physical violence. Again, please break this down by gender over the same time periods as above:
 - 2016-2017 (the timescale covered by the Hate Crime 2016/17 statistics)
 - 2017-2018 (the timescale covered from the last published statistics to the present)"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 29 August 2018

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and our response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all hate crime recorded as an offence of 'Violence Against the Person'.

- The total number of Hate Crimes recorded as violence against the person, is provided in the tables below by Force, year and whether the offence had an online / cyber related flag.

Suffolk	2016/17		2017/18	
	Online	Cyber	Online	Cyber
Female	7	1	20	0
Male	5	1	11	0

Norfolk	2016/17		2017/18	
	Online	Cyber	Online	Cyber
Female	7	1	16	0
Male	6	1	18	0

2. The Constabularies have reviewed all offences of 'Violence with Injury' to establish whether any were linked to a Hate Crime. There were no offences relevant to this part of the request.
3. Please refer to the table provided in question 1.

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.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF
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