



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 004031-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

"For each of the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016

** Please can you tell me how many crimes were reported where the aggrieved has been attacked with any acid, corrosive or noxious substance?*

** Please can you tell me how many crimes were reported where the aggrieved has been threatened with any acid, corrosive or noxious substance?"*

RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 6 March 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded that involve an individual being attacked or threatened with an acid, corrosive or noxious substance.

The tables provided below confirm the number of offences recorded by year where the attack or threat was specifically against the person, as opposed to their property, by year.

Threat or Attack	2014	2015	2016	Total
THREAT	3	5	7	15
ATTACK	1	-	2	3
Total	4	5	9	18

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.

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.