

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 006151-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 18 August 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many crimes of modern slavery have been reported in the last five financial years (2012-13,2013-14,2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17)?*
2. *How many reports have you had about human trafficking in the last five financial years (2012-13,2013-14,2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17)?*
3. *How many of the reports of modern slavery have resulted in the perpetrator being a) charged OR b) cautioned? Please break this down by the years requested above.*
4. *How many reports of human trafficking have resulted in the perpetrator being a) charged OR b) cautioned? Please break this down by the years requested above.*

NB: please note I do not require any other data about the result of cases (e.g. whether the victim withdrew etc. I just require data on charge and caution numbers).”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 18 August 2017

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

1. A search has been completed of the Constabulary crime system for all offences of modern day slavery recorded by the Constabulary. Please note that the offence only came into being in 2015 and therefore no information is held prior to this date.

Offence	15/16	16/17
Hold person in slavery or servitude	1	2
Require person to perform forced or compulsory labour		1
Grand Total	1	3

2. A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded concerning Human Trafficking from 2012/13 – 2016/17 and the response is below.

Offence	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
Arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation			7	7
Assisting unlawful immigration to member state		1	2	2
Attempted - Arrange or facilitate travel of another person			1	



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with a view to exploitation				
Attempted - Commit offence of kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation				1
Helping asylum seeker to enter UK			2	1
Traffic into UK for sexual exploitation	1	1		
Trafficking into uk for purpose of exploitation	2	3		1
Trafficking people into the UK for the purpose of exploitation				1
Trafficking people within the UK for the purpose of exploitation				2
Grand Total	3	5	12	15

3. On of the four offences referred to in question 1 resulted in a person being charged, during the 2016/17 financial year.

4. 3 of the offences referred to in question 2 resulted in a person being charged:

2014/15 – 1

2016/17 – 2

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.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
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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*

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 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