



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000012-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 1 January 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

*“How many incidents of "upskirting" have been alleged between January 1 2018 and December 31 2018?;*

*“Upskirting” is the term for when people put cameras under unsuspecting women's skirts (or men's kilts) and take a picture of their crotch, usually just before the victim has noticed what has happened.*

*A further example can be found in this case study here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-40861875>*

*As “upskirting” is not currently a criminal offence, it may be necessary to conduct a keyword or free text search, using the terms “upskirt” and “upskirting”.*

*Where possible, please break down the date of when the incident was alleged (the month is fine);*

*Where possible, please state the details of the allegation (Basic details such as what is alleged to have happened, the age and sex of the alleged victim, where known);*

*Whether the allegation ever formed some part of a criminal charge (and, where possible, details of any prosecution).”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 14 January 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabularies call and crime systems for all incidents and offences recorded that contain the word ‘Upskirt’ or ‘Upskirting’ for the 2018 calendar year. Please note that freetext searches are, by their very nature, unreliable and therefore the offences and

incidents provided below rely solely on these specific words appearing within the freetext of the crime or incident summary.

Month	Summary	Crime	Victim		Outcome
			Age	Gender	
<b>Norfolk</b>					
June	Committing or conspiring to commit, an act outraging public decency	Yes	33	Female	Caution
July	Public Safety - Suspicious Circumstances /Insecure Premises Or Vehicles	No	-	-	No action
August	ASB - Nuisance	No	-	-	Words of advice
<b>Suffolk</b>					
July	Voyeurism	Yes	53	Female	Type 15*
September	Voyeurism	Yes	36	Female	Type 18*
December	Non crime Investigation - First instance of harassment	Yes	34	Female	Live

\*Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action

\*Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available

***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.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;  
<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](mailto: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 40 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](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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