



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000123-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 9 January 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"a. Please could you provide details of the number of arrests related to the taking, making or distribution of an indecent (or pseudo sexual) image of a child (home office code 86/2) where suspect was under the age of 18 since December 2016.*
b. If you hold the information, please could you also provide details of the number of arrests related to the taking, making or distribution of an indecent (or pseudo sexual) image of a child (home office code 86/2) where suspect was under the age of 14 since December 2016.
2. *a. Please could you provide the total number of crimes related to the taking, making or distribution of an indecent (or pseudo sexual) image of a child (home office code 86/2) where suspect was under 18 that have been recorded as Outcome 21, since December 2016.*
b. If you hold the information, please could you also provide the total number of crimes related to the taking, making or distribution of an indecent (or pseudo sexual) image of a child (home office code 86/2) where suspect was under the age of 14 since December 2016."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 24 January 2019

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have 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 of 'taking, making or distribution of an indecent (or pseudo sexual) image of a child', where the suspect was aged under 18 years old. Please note that the data provided relates only to those records where a date of birth is present. There may be occasions where the DOB is not present or has been entered incorrectly, in which case these records will not be included here, where relevant.

1. The total number of arrests recorded where the offender was aged under 18 years old or aged under 14 years old, is provided in the table below.

Force	Age of suspect		Total
	Aged 14-17	Aged under 14	
Norfolk	14	0	14
Suffolk	17	1	18

2. The total number of offences recorded that resulted in outcome 21, is provided in the table below. Please note that these numbers are higher than those provided above as an individual does not need to be arrested to have an offence recorded against them. To assist, the total number of offences recorded where a suspect is aged under 18 years old, is as follows:

Norfolk – 241

Suffolk – 367

Force	Age of suspect		Total
	Aged 14-17	Aged under 14	
Norfolk	75	60	135
Suffolk	99	67	166

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*

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 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