



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000163-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 11 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"In relation to the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme, otherwise known as "Sarah's Law", how many requests has your force received asking if someone who has sufficient access to children has a sex offender's record in the 2018 calendar year?"*
2. *(i) In how many of these requests did the subject have a sex offender's record AND you disclosed the conviction to an interested party? (ii) Of these positive returns how many of the individuals were registered sex offenders.*
3. *(i) In how many of these requests did the subject have a sex offender's record AND you did NOT disclose the conviction to an interested party? (ii) In how many of these cases was the subject a registered sex offender.*
4. *Of the first ten cases from 1.3.2018 onwards where you disclosed an offender's record please state the main/primary offence that caused concern?"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 11 January 2019

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

1. The Constabulary does not categorise in terms of 'sufficient access to children' The subject of a Sarah's Law application has to be having 'unsupervised contact' or there has to be the potential for unsupervised contact, in order for a Sarah's Law application to be progressed.

During the 2018 calendar year to date, a total of 57 Child Sex Offender Disclosure (CSOD) applications were received by the Constabulary specifically asking whether an individual was on the sex offenders register.

2. Of those 57 requests, 18 disclosures were authorised and of those, 6 individuals were registered sex offenders.
3. There was 1 application whereby the subject was a registered sex offender and a disclosure was not made.



4. The primary offence that caused concern were as follows:

- Assault/Ill-treat/Neglect/Abandon a Child/Young Person to Cause Unnecessary Suffering/Injury along with domestic violence
- Rape
- Sexual activity with a child
- Sexual assault of a child
- Significant history of domestic violence
- Significant offending history involving violence

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 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 40 working 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