

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000174-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 12 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“The number of attempted rapes committed in schools under your jurisdiction*
How many of these were committed by an under-16 on an under-16
How many of these were committed by an over-16 on an under-16
2. *The number of rapes committed in schools under your jurisdiction*
How many of these were committed by an under-16 on an under-16 (i.e. pupil on pupil)
How many of these were committed by an over-16 on an under-16 (i.e. adult on pupil)
3. *The number of sexual assaults committed in schools under your jurisdiction*
How many of these were committed by an under-16 on an under-16 (i.e. pupil on pupil)
How many of these were committed by an over-16 on an under-16 (i.e. adult on pupil)

I request this information for the years 2013 to 2018 inclusive, broken down by year, and any up-to-date records for 2019 thus far.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 23 January 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary’s crime system for all sexual offences recorded where the location was entered as a school or college/university. There may be additional relevant offences that are not identified if the location has not been correctly entered. Additionally, some of the offence provided may not have occurred within the grounds of the school or college/university, rather has been recorded as the nearest identifiable landmark for the purpose of crime recording.

With regards to the age of the suspects and victims, we have supplied the number that were under 16 where the date of birth is present, however this does not confirm whether the suspect or victim was a pupil or not.

1. The total number of Attempted rapes with a location of a school, is as follows:

Suspect Age Range	Victim Age Range	2014	2018
Aged 16 and Under	Aged 16 and Under	2	1
Not Recorded	Aged 16 and Under		1
Grand Total		2	2

2. The total number of rapes with a location of a school, is as follows:

Suspect Age Range	Victim Age Range	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aged 16 and Under	Aged 16 and Under	1		3	2	3	1	1
Aged 17 and Over	Aged 16 and Under	4	1	1		1	1	
	Aged 17 and Over	1				2		
Not Recorded	Aged 16 and Under		1	1	1	4	3	
	Aged 17 and Over		1				1	
	Not Recorded					1		
Grand Total		6	3	5	3	11	6	1

3. The total number of sexual assaults committed, excluding Rapes and attempted rapes, with a location of a school, is as follows:

Suspect Age Range	Victim Age Range	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aged 16 and Under	Aged 16 and Under	3	12	4	10	19	33	1
	Aged 17 and Over					1	2	
	Not Recorded			1	1	3	3	
Aged 17 and Over	Aged 16 and Under	19	11	13	3	5	8	
	Aged 17 and Over		1	1	2		1	
	Not Recorded		1	4		1	2	
Not Recorded	Aged 16 and Under	6	8	26	5	7	21	1
	Aged 17 and Over			1	3	1		
	Not Recorded		5	4	1	1	3	
Grand Total		28	38	54	25	38	73	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.

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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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