



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000199-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 14 January 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

- 86/2 Take/make distribute photographs or pseudo-photographs, of children*
- 86/10 Possession of an indecent or pseudo-photograph of a child*
- 86/11 Possession of extreme pornographic images - an act which threatens a persons life*
- 86/12 Possession of extreme pornographic images - an act which results, or is likely to result, in serious injury to a persons anus, breasts, genitals*
- 86/13 Possession of extreme pornographic images - an act which involves sexual interference with a human corpse (necrophilia)*
- 86/14 Possession of extreme pornographic images - person performing an act of intercourse or oral sex with an animal (dead or alive)*
- 86/15 Possessing prohibited images of children*
- 86/16 Possess an extreme pornographic image portraying rape*
- 86/17 Possess an extreme pornographic image portaying assault by penetration*

Please provide the following information in relation to young people (aged 17 and under) who have been reported for each of the above crimes between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2018:

- 1. How many young people were arrested for the crimes listed above?*
- 2. How many resulted in no further action?*
- 3. How many were resolved using outcome 21?*
- 4. How many resulted in an informal Out of Court disposal i.e. Youth Restorative Intervention?*
- 5. How many resulted in a Youth Caution or Youth Conditional Caution?*
- 6. How many proceeded to Court?*
- 7. How many investigations are ongoing?*
- 8. What is the average length of investigation?"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 25 January 2019

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

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have reviewed the arrest data and can confirm that the only offence listed that has an arrest reason in its own right, is Child Indecent Images. All others fall within the wider category of 'Sexual offences'.

The total number of arrests made for Child Indecent Images, where the suspect is recorded as being under the age of 18 years old, is provided in the table below for the time frame 1 July 2016–30 June 2018.

Force	Total
Norfolk	15
Suffolk	12
Grand Total	27

With regards to crimes recorded, the information provided below relate to all offences recorded for the aforementioned crimes during the time frame 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2018, including the respective recorded outcome.

Please note that a number of offences have been disposed of by way of outcome Type 21 – Not in the Public Interest (police decision). Type 21 is used predominantly where we are dealing with persons who are under 18 years and in a vast majority of cases relates to the exchanging of images between two parties under 16 years. 21 is used as we do not wish to criminalise persons under 18 who are of previous good character. Type 21 is not appropriate when, the suspect has been dealt with by way of 21 previously or has a police record already and they must be remorseful for their behaviour.

Norfolk Constabulary	
Offence / Outcome	Total
Possessing prohibited images of children	3
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1
Possession of an indecent or pseudo indecent photo of a child	41
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	2
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	2
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	1
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	30
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1
(blank)	3

Take or to make or to distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children	255
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	41
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	2
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	13
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	11
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	8
Type 2 - Caution Youth	8
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	9
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	150
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	7
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	1
(blank)	5
Grand Total	299

Suffolk Constabulary	
Offence/ Outcome	Total
Possessing prohibited images of children	3
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	3
Possession of an indecent or pseudo indecent photo of a child	31
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	4
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1
Type 2 - Caution Youth	1
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	4
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	18
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	2
(blank)	1
Take or to make or to distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children	355
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	12
Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility	7
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified	2
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	27
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	26
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	9
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	66
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.	171

Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	27
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	1
(blank)	6
Grand Total	389

The Constabularies do not hold information concerning the length of an investigation.

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