



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000217-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 15 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1. "Hate crimes and incidents against transgender identity recorded. The total number and by offence type (violence against the person, sexual offences, robbery, arson, public order offences...or other classification available) per year, between January 2010 and December 2017. Please provide this using a yearly breakdown (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017)*
- 2. Hate crimes and incidents against transgender identity recorded as having taken place online (cybercrime). For each, the total number and by offence type (violence against the person, sexual offences, robbery, arson, public order offences...or other classification available) per year, between January 2010 and December 2017. Please provide this using a yearly breakdown (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017). I acknowledge that recording crimes with an online flag is a recent recording mechanism. Given the likelihood of such a small number of crimes being recorded, please can you search your crime records for any hate crimes against transgender identity that has an online element?*
- 3. The date since when the online crime flag is being used by this police force"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 29 January 2019

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

The Constabulary is unable to provide incident data prior to 19 November 2013 as a result of a change to the call system at that time. Legacy data is held however, it is no longer available for bulk data extraction, which would require us to manually review all incidents to establish whether they were hate related against transgender identities. This would be an enormous task given the many thousands of calls we would be required to review.

In addition, to establish the number of crimes and incidents with an online element would require a manual review of all those relevant recorded prior to the introduction of the online flag on 1 April 2015. This would relate to over 90 crimes and 100 incidents and at a reserved 3 minutes per records, would take an additional 10 hours to establish and the detail may well not be



In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. The Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, all of the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, exceeding the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests in terms of costs and therefore, Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: *"...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit."* The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the 'appropriate limit' for the Constabulary as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting *all* information your request is too broad to be complied with within the limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime and call data for all hate transgender offences and incidents recorded.

1. The total number of hate crimes and incidents recorded against transgender identify, including the offence type, is provided in the tables below for the time frames available.

Please note that the tables separate crime and incident data and should not be added together as they may include an element of duplication. For example, an incident may be created with no transgender marker and is subsequently crimed with a transgender marker, and vice versa, therefore only appearing in one table. Equally, the incident and crime may both contain the transgender marker and will appear in both tables.



Crimes - Offence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
All Other Theft			2						
Burglary - Non Dwelling			1						
Burglary Dwelling			1		1				
Criminal Damage	1	1		1		1	2	1	1
Domestic							1	2	
Exclude From Stats	1	4	5	9	7	2			
Hate Incident						1	5	7	3
Investigation								1	2
Other Sexual Offences								3	
Possession Of Drugs			1						
Possession Of Weapons	1								
Public Fear, Alarm Or Distress						1	4	9	3
Public Order	1	5	7	10	6	5			
Race Or Religious Agg Public Fear						1	1	1	
Rape								1	1
Shoplifting						1			
Stalking And Harassment						1		2	6
Theft From The Person		1							
Vehicle Offences			1						
Violence With Injury	2		3			1	2	6	2
Violence Without Injury	1	1	3	3	1	2	4	3	2
Grand Total	7	12	24	23	15	16	19	36	20

Incidents	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Hate - Transgender	19	17	22	21	32
Grand Total	19	17	22	21	32

2. The total number of hate crimes and incidents against transgender identity recorded as having an online element is provided below from 1 April 2015. This is the date from which the online crime flag was introduced.

Offence - Crime	2016
Violence Without Injury	1
Grand Total	1



3. The online crime flag was introduced on 1 April 2015.

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
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