



15th February 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000255/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 18th January 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

Incidents containing the keywords 'Brexit' or 'European Union' or 'EU' within the incident log text from 22 February 2016

- Date of incidents
- Whether units were dispatched
- Type of offence, and outcome

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 29th January 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of recorded incidents using the keywords provided. Where a report refers to an EU licence, EU passport or an EU number plate, during routine checks, etc, these have not been included below.

NORFOLK – 'BREXIT'

Date	Officer attendance?	Details
June 2016	Yes	Report of ongoing harassment. During call refers to Brexit. Officer attendance.
June 2016	No	Report of ASB in street. Loud conversation about Brexit.
June 2016	Yes	Report of racist abuse and assault. Crime logged and Brexit tag added
July 2016	Yes	Report of harassment. Comments made on Facebook refer to Brexit. Nothing amounting to either harassment or hate.
July 2016	Yes	Report of reoccurrence of abuse. Reference to anti-brexit rally.
July 2016	Yes	Suspicious activity around shop which was recently targeted. Hate incident recorded and Brexit tag added.
July 2016	Yes	Racist abuse. Possibly due to Brexit. Hate crime recorded.
August 2016	No	Report of boys pushing other boys and saying racist comments. Caller says there has been more of this since Brexit. Details sent to SNT.
September 2016	Yes	Report of racist abuse. Had been discussions regarding Brexit. Words of advice given.
October 2016	No	Email reporting racist comments including reference to Brexit. Crime logged.
January 2017	Yes	Victim of ASB as a result of witnessing racist behaviour towards a third party following the Brexit vote. Welfare check carried out.
January 2017	Yes	Concern for male with mental health issues. Male refers to Brexit. Ambulance in attendance.
February 2017	Yes	Domestic related incident. Concerns regarding Brexit. Incident logged.

March 2017	Yes	Report of an item seen which resembled a gun. Item retrieved. Believes it is something to do with Brexit.
March 2017	Yes	Report of racial abuse. Comments included reference to Brexit. Hate crime logged.
April 2017	Yes	Theft of and damage to garden boards advertising political parties. Not a hate crime but may be linked to upcoming general election and Brexit.
May 2017	Yes	Concern for safety of male at address. Had previous episode at time of Brexit vote.
May 2017	Yes	Verbal abuse from neighbour. After Brexit had asked for a house move. No offences, ASB to be investigated.
June 2017	Yes	Complaint of racist comments by neighbour. This has started since Brexit vote. To be managed by Restorative Justice conference.
June 2017	Yes	Caller reporting a fight over a debt. Reference made to police not dealing with it due to Brexit. Crime logged.
June 2017	No	Caller with mental ill health referring to Brexit during call.
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June 2017	No	Caller with mental ill health referring to Brexit during call.
September 2017	Yes	Report of racist abuse. Hate crime logged. Reference made to Brexit.
September 2017	Yes	Racist abuse towards caller by intoxicated males. Hate crime logged.
October 2017	Yes	Problems with neighbours. Logged as a hate crime.
November 2017	Yes	Correspondence received by local council containing racist language. Logged as a racist incident.
November 2017	Yes	Concerns over comments posted on Facebook. Comments include reference to Brexit. No offences.
January 2018	Yes	Problems with neighbour and includes comments regarding Brexit. Hate crime logged.

NORFOLK – 'European Union'

Date	Officer attendance?	Details
August 2016	Yes	Comments overheard regarding the caller displaying an EU flag as a symbol of the European Union. Hate crime logged.
October 2016	Yes	Call from hotel regarding persons with no passport. Questions raised whether these were needed to enter the UK as part of the European Union.

NORFOLK – 'EU'

Date	Officer attendance?	Details
April 2016	Yes	Concerns of content of YouTube videos. Includes reference to EU referendum. Videos did not endorse terrorism
June 2016	Yes	Report of an EU referendum sign obscuring view of drivers. On attendance the sign had already been moved.
June 2016	Yes	Concern that vulnerable person is victim of fraud. Concerned regarding property value when we leave the EU. Officer attendance.
June 2016	Yes	Comments on an internet site regarding Europeans will have to return home. Recorded as malicious communications.
June 2016	Yes	Report of verbal racist abuse. Feels this is due to the outcome of the EU referendum. Crime record logged.
June 2016	Yes	Concern for safety of female who is being abusive and says that following the EU referendum she will have to return to her home country. Officer attendance.
June 2016	No	Nuisance caller talking about football and EU vote.
June 2016	Yes	Report of criminal damage. Possibly linked to EU referendum but not evidence to support this. Logged as ASB as no damage or loss occurred.
July 2016	Yes	Report of graffiti on door. Includes reference to EU. Hate incident.

July 2016	Yes	Report of abusive language. Refers to EU vote.
July 2016	Yes	Report of abuse. Caller says this has escalated since the EU referendum. Incident logged.
July 2016	Yes	Report of racist abuse/graffiti. Linked to previous incident and appears to be in relation to EU referendum.
July 2016	Yes	Caller subject to racist abuse. Has increased since EU referendum. Hate incident logged.
August 2016	Yes	Criminal damage to a vehicle. This has since the EU referendum. Hate crime.
August 2016	Yes	Anti-social driving outside of house. Caller believes they have been targeted due to flying an EU flag.
August 2016	No	During a call regarding traffic lights, caller refers to the sooner we leave the EU the better.
April 2017	No	Racist material in the post with reference to EU. Hate crime logged.
June 2017	No	Caller with mental ill health refers to leaving the EU.
June 2017	No	Caller with mental ill health refers to the EU.
July 2017	No	Reference to EU referendum on Facebook forum. Received silent call may be linked.
July 2017	Yes	Threats following Facebook Forum on EU.
July 2017	No	Caller referring to Polish workers. Caller advised about EU movement of people.
August 2017	Yes	Report of a racist sign. Caller feels this would be racist to EU workers. Hate incident logged.
November 2017	No	Report of a publication encouraging hatred toward people who voted to leave the EU.
December 2017	Yes	Report of erratic driving. EU nationals on board.
January 2018	Yes	Report of racial abuse. Includes reference to being EU citizens. Crime recorded.

SUFFOLK – 'BREXIT'

Date	Officer attendance?	Details
June 2016	Yes	A report of racist comments coming from a nearby property. Also talking about Brexit. Officers attended, no offences.
July 2016	Yes	Concern for safety of male who got upset about Brexit. Misper located.
July 2016	No	Notification of rally – Teachers, Remain or Brexit
July 2016	No	Report of something being thrown at caller's front door. No damage/suspects. Possibly linked to the 'Brexit' campaign.
July 2016	Yes	Report of fly-tipping and threatening messages. Caller wonders if it is linked to Brexit.
July 2016	Yes	Abusive language including reference to Brexit. Officer attendance.
July 2016	Yes	Concern for male's safety. Refers to word 'Brexit' contained within an email. Officer attendance. Adult referral made.
August 2016	Yes	Report of graffiti on fence which includes 'Brexit'. Crime report recorded.
August 2016	Yes	Report of abusive comments. This is the second occasion since Brexit. Hate crime.
December 2016	No	Email report of a racist incident. Comments include going back to Poland as a result of Brexit. Hate crime.
January 2017	No	Email report of racist comments which include 'Brexit'. Crime logged.
March 2017	Yes	Concern for safety of female. Male has been abusive since Brexit. Officer attendance.
March 2017	No	Email report of xenophobic graffiti. Crime logged.
April 2017	Yes	Report of racist abuse. Not for the first time since the Brexit vote. Crime logged.
April 2017	No	Report of racist abuse. Comments include reference to Brexit. Crime logged.
April 2017	No	Caller says they are having problems with neighbour parking, this has been since Brexit. Referred for SNT.

July 2017	No	Harassment - threatening emails contact reference to Brexit. Crime logged.
July 2007	Yes	Report of fighting. Was a previous incident the day after Brexit result. Male detained.
December 2017	No	Report of racist incidents which include reference to Brexit. Crime logged.

SUFFOLK – ‘European Union’

Date	Officer attendance?	Details
June 2016	Yes	Email received referring to immigration and being members of the European Union. Logged as a possible hate crime.
July 2016	No	Comments overheard which included reference to not being in European Union so why there are still immigrants around here.

SUFFOLK – ‘EU’

Date	Officer attendance?	Details
March 2016	No	Report of a driver without a licence and not an EU citizen. Logged.
March 2016	No	Report of facebook comments which include comments about leaving the EU. To be recorded as a racial incident.
June 2016	No	Report of littering due to Leave EU campaign posters being put up on lampposts and telegraph posts. To be passed to the council
June 2016	Yes	Vote EU signs erected at turnings. Obscuring view. Checked and not causing obstruction.
June 2016	Yes	Complaint that a EU vote banner has been covered with swastikas. To be removed.
June 2016	Yes	Missing person report. Refers to EU remain leaflets being handed out. Misper located.
June 2016	No	Report of an EU referendum board displaying a racist cartoon. Recorded as a racist incident.
June 2016	Yes	Report of a couple having domestic argument. Animated discussion regarding EU referendum.
June 2016	Yes	Report regarding comments on Facebook. Includes comments about the EU vote.
June 2017	Yes	Concern for safety. Email received from suicidal male. Also refers to EU membership. Officer attendance.
July 2017	No	Report of suspicious activity at address where EU citizens reside. Logged for information
Sept 2017	Yes	Report of male shouting and swearing outside address. Includes comments regarding the EU. Officer attendance.

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Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

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Norfolk Constabulary
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Jubilee House
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The Information Commissioner.

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