

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000281-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 21 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Between 01/01/2009 - 01/01/2019 how many allegations of sexual assaults (including rape) were reported to the police? Also, please state the number of cases in regard to the gender of the victim and the accused (i.e. female - male; male - female; female - female; male - male).*
2. *What percentage of the reported cases were taken to court? Also, what percentage of the cases taken to court resulted in a prosecution?*
3. *Between 01/01/2009-01/01/2019 how many false allegations of sexual assault (including rape) were reported to the police? Please disclose the age (or the age group) and the gender of the accuser.*
4. *If possible, please state the reasons for which the accuser was inclined to provide a false sexual assault allegation.*
5. *Finally, was the accuser prosecuted for the false allegation they provided to the police?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 4 February 2019

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

1. From 1 January 2009 to 1 January 2019, the Constabulary has recorded a total of 9,561 sexual assaults and Rapes. This data is provided below by suspect / victim gender and year.

Victim/Suspect Gender	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female/Female	8	14	14	14	5	14	50	30	20	27
Female/Male	383	391	370	339	345	420	751	741	945	948
Female/Not Recorded	76	91	88	90	76	120	262	174	254	431
Female/Unknown	80	84	92	79	78	118	185		1	
Male/Female	1	2	1	2	3	3	10	12	16	16
Male/Male	49	58	59	40	43	71	83	73	117	118

Male/Not Recorded	19	11	9	9	17	28	66	42	76	76
Male/Unknown	11	12	12	18	17	33	44			
Not Recorded/Male						1	5	5	13	5
Not Recorded/Not Recorded	1						1	2	28	13
Not Recorded/Unknown						1	1			

- The Constabulary does not record % of cases that went to court. Neither does the Constabulary record prosecution data, which should be sought directly from the courts.
- The total number of cases of wasting police time that related to a sexual assault allegation is provided in the table below, by suspect age and gender and by year.

Gender / Age	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2016	2017
Female	3	9	6	2	3	3	1	1
18-29	2	1	4	2	2	2		1
30-39	1	1	1				1	
40-49		1						
Not Recorded						1		
Under 18		6	1		1			
Male	3			1	1	2	1	
18-29	1				1		1	
40-49	1			1				
Under 18	1					2		
Grand Total	6	9	6	3	4	5	2	1

- This question is speculative and would require the Constabulary to interpret the circumstance of each case. There is no requirement under FOI to create such information and consequently, this information is not held.
- The Constabulary does not hold conviction data, however we have provided the outcome for these offences in the table above.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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<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
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