



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000479-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 31 January 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I would like to know the number of sexual offences reported to have taken place in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres over the past three years please.

- *How many reports of sexual offences were recorded to have taken place in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres over the last year please? (2017, or 2016-17, or however statistics are reported).*
- *How many reports of sexual offences were recorded to have taken place in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres in the year 2016 (or 2015-16).*
- *How many reports of sexual offences were recorded to have taken place in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres in the year 2015 (or 2014-15).*

If you are also able to add in a breakdown of the type of sexual offences recorded in hospitals, surgeries or medical centres that would also be helpful please."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 31 January 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime data for all sexual offences recorded during from 1 April 2014 to date.

As a result in a change in crime recording systems, the search used to extract those relevant sexual offences is slightly different for data pre and post 19 October 2015.

Information obtained up to 19 October 2015, relates to offences where the location field contains the words "Hospital", "Surgery", "Health", "Doctor" or "Hospice".

Information obtained from 19 October 2015 onwards relates to the number of offences where the location field states "Hospital/Hospice" or "Doctor's Surgery/Clinic".

The table provided below confirms the number of sexual offences that have occurred at a hospital, surgery or medical centre for the relevant financial years:

Offence	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	Total
Assault of a female child under 13 by penetration (Indictable)			1		1
Assault On A Female By Penetration	2	1			3
Causing A Female Person To Engage In Sexual Activity Without Consent	1				1
Exposure	1	2	1	4	8
Rape of a female (16 or over) (Indictable)	1	5	4	2	12
Rape of a male (16 or over) (Indictable)		3	2	3	8
Sexual activity with a male person with a mental disorder impeding choice	1				1
Sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder impeding choice: Female person no penetration			1		1
Sexual Assault On A Female	17	11	7	8	43
Sexual Assault On A Male	6	8	2	4	20
Voyeurism				1	1
Grand Total	29	30	18	22	99

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.

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 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 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
Telephone: 01625 545 700