

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000787-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 26 February 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"Please state the number of offence records listed in your crime database that contain the following two phrases:*
  - (a) *Xbox Live*
  - (b) *Fortnite (exact spelling)*
2. *Please identify these by conducting a free text search of your crime database, and provide information for each of the last five years, and the current year to February 25*
3. *Please provide a breakdown of the kind of offences recorded that contain these keywords for both these keywords.*
4. *Please provide an anonymised copy of free text report for each incident recorded. If this is too onerous, please focus on areas around the abuse of children and crimes of a sexual nature."*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 8 March 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded that contain the words 'Xbox live', 'Fortnite' or 'X-Box live'. Please note that freetext searches are by their very nature, unreliable and consequently there may be some additional relevant offences that have not been identified from this search.

The total number of offences recorded is provided in the table below, by year:

<b>Year / Offence</b>	<b>FORTNITE</b>	<b>XBOX LIVE</b>
<b>2015</b>		
NON COUNTING FRAUD INVESTIGATION		1
Theft if not classified elsewhere		1
<b>2017</b>		

Harassment - Stalking involving serious alarm/distress		1
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety		1
Take or to make or to distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children		1
<b>2018</b>		
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity	1	1
Meeting a male child following sexual grooming etc	1	
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety	1	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>

The freetext of those offences is provided below in an anonymised format:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Incident Summary</b>
2017	The victim has been bullied by suspect at school over a period of weeks and on said date the suspect sent the victim a message via xbox live saying "little willy no foreskin"
2017	The two suspects (also children) have been threatening him via phone call and xbox messenger and have also attended victims home address stating that they will kick victims head in.
2018	Boy has been befriended by unknown male on Xbox live who has then asked him to communicate on Snapchat. Conversation became inappropriate, victim reported to Snapchat.
2017	Boy has befriended male online whilst playing Minecraft through Xbox live. Both parties have exchanged numbers and continue gaming conversation through Whatsapp. Male, believed to be late teens has sent a photo believed to be of his genitalia and wearing a pair of pink female underwear to the boy with comments requesting similar photos in return.
2018	R/P reports that her son has been groomed via the PS4 game FORTNITE by male for over 6 months.
2018	Reporting that victim was interacting with an Instagram contact when they started to request victim send IIOC of himself. did not send any images. Suspect was a 'friend' who he'd played Fortnite with twice.
2018	R/P called to say that her son has been threatened online by a known person. This was done over an online game called FORTNITE
2015	OVER A WEEK PERIOD A BOY HAS USED HIS DADS PARTNERS CREDIT CARD DETAILS ON HIS XBOX LIVE ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE £1700 OF ADD-ONS AND GAMES WITHOUT THE CARD HOLDERS PERMISSION
2015	ON STATED DATE AT UNKNOWN LOCATION OFFENDER WHO IS VICTIMS SON HAS USED VICTIMS HSBC BANK CARD TO PURCHASE XBOX LIVE MEMBERSHIP ONLINE WITHOUT THE VICTIMS CONSENT

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](mailto: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](http://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