



27th March 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000830/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 27th February 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The number of individuals released on pre-charge bail following arrest for a sexual offence involving a child in (a) the year from April 2017, March 2018 and (b) the prior year, April 2016, March 2017.
- 2 The number of individuals released 'under investigation' following arrest for a sexual offence involving a child in (a) the year from April 2017, March 2018 and (b) the prior year, April 2016, March 2017.
- 3 The percentage of cases where an individual later charged with a sexual offence involving a child was released by police without pre-charge bail conditions in (a) the year from April 2017, March 2018 and (b) the prior year, April 2016, March 2017.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 12th March 2019.

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

Please note – with regard to question 3, percentages are not held. We have provided figures across two tables to allow for this to be calculated.

NORFOLK DATA

Q1

Offence Details	Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 17 to Mar 18	Grand Total
34(5) Pending further enquiries	6	1	7
Rape Of A Female Child Under 13		1	1
Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	1		1
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	1		1
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	2		2
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	2		2
37(2) Investigative	99	6	105
Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	15	2	17
Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	30	1	31
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	4		4
Rape Of A Male Child Under 16	4		4
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	10		10
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	18		18

Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	17	3	20
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	1		1
37(7)(A) Pending decision to prosecute	10		10
Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	3		3
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	2		2
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	3		3
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	1		1
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	1		1
Grand Total	115	7	122

Q2

Offence Details	Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 17 to Mar 18	Grand Total
NOT BAIL - Released Under Investigation	25	103	128
Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	11	14	25
Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	7	27	34
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13		4	4
Rape Of A Male Child Under 16		3	3
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	2	17	19
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	3	24	27
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	2	10	12
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13		4	4
Grand Total	25	103	128

Q3 Number of instances where suspect initially released without charge or conditions:-

# of arrest offences	RFA Offence Description	Period		Grand Total
		Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 17 to Mar 18	
34(5) Pending further enquiries	Rape Of A Female Child Under 13		1	1
	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	1		1
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	1		1
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	2		2
	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	1		1
34(5) Pending further enquiries Total		5	1	6
37(2) Investigative	Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	12	2	14
	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	23		23
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	3		3
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 16	3		3
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	9		9
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	16		16
	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	15	2	17
	Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	1		1

37(2) Investigative Total		82	4	86
37(7)(A) Pending decision to prosecute	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	3		3
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	1		1
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	3		3
	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	1		1
37(7)(A) Pending decision to prosecute Total		8		8
NOT BAIL - Released Under Investigation	Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	8	11	19
	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	6	17	23
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 13		2	2
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 16		2	2
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	2	14	16
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	2	14	16
	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	2	7	9
	Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13		3	3
NOT BAIL - Released Under Investigation Total		20	70	90
Not bailed	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	1		1
Not bailed Total		1		1
Grand Total		116	75	191

Number of instances where suspect was later charged with sexual offence:-

# of arrest offences	Period		Grand Total
	Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 17 to Mar 18	
Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	6	7	13
Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	4	13	17
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	5	2	7
Rape Of A Male Child Under 16	1	3	4
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	6	9	15
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	5	11	16
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	3	7	10
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	2	1	3
Grand Total	32	53	85

SUFFOLK DATA

Q1

Offence Details	Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 17 to Mar 18	Grand Total
37(2) Investigative	57	7	64

Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	3	2	5
Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	23		23
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	4		4
Rape Of A Male Child Under 16	1	1	2
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	5	1	6
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	10	2	12
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	8	1	9
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	3		3
37(7)(A) Pending decision to prosecute	9	1	10
Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	1		1
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	1		1
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	2		2
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	2		2
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	2	1	3
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	1		1
Grand Total	66	8	74

Q2

Offence Details	Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 17 to Mar 18	Grand Total
NOT BAIL - Released Under Investigation	6	46	52
Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	1	7	8
Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	1	13	14
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13		2	2
Rape Of A Male Child Under 16		2	2
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13		2	2
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16		6	6
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	4	11	15
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13		3	3
Grand Total	6	46	52

Q3 Number of instances where suspect initially released without charge or conditions:-

# of arrest offences		Period		
Bailed Status	RFA Offence Description	Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 17 to Mar 18	Grand Total
37(2) Investigative	Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	2	1	3
	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	14		14
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	2		2
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 16		1	1
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	4	1	5
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	7		7
	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	8		8

	Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	2		2
37(2) Investigative Total		39	3	42
37(7)(A) Pending decision to prosecute	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	1		1
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	1		1
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	1		1
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	2		2
	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	2	1	3
37(7)(A) Pending decision to prosecute Total		7	1	8
NOT BAIL - Released Under Investigation	Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	1	6	7
	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	1	9	10
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 13		1	1
	Rape Of A Male Child Under 16		2	2
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13		2	2
	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16		6	6
	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	2	9	11
	Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13		2	2
NOT BAIL - Released Under Investigation Total		4	37	41
Grand Total		50	41	91

Number of instances where suspect was later charged with sexual offence:-

# of arrest offences	Period		Grand Total
	Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 17 to Mar 18	
RFA Offence Description			
Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	1	4	5
Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	8	6	14
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	2	2	4
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	2	1	3
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	5	1	6
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	1	2	3
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	1	1	2
Grand Total	20	17	37

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

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