

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000860-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 1 March 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“The number religious hate crimes recorded by police in the past three financial years (2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16), broken down by type of religion..*
2. *The outcome of the crime for Jewish hate crimes specifically - eg arrest, charge, warning, in the financial years 2017/18.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 6 March 2019

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

The total number of hate crimes recorded for the 2015/16 – 2017/18 financial years is provided in the table below. Please note that information extracted from 1 April – 19 October 2015 has been sourced from the Constabulary’s legacy crime system, which does not break down the hate crime by religion.

The table includes the Hate Type, Religion targeted (where recorded) and the outcome, by financial year.

Hate Type	Religion	Outcome	15/16	16/17	17/18
Hate - Religion - Sikh	Sikh	Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		1	
Hate - Religion	N/A	Not Recorded	1		
		Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1		
		Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified:	1		
		Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	3	2	
		Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	1		
Hate - Religion - Christian	Christian	Not Recorded		2	
		Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified:			1
		Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			2
		Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			1



		Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		6	6
Hate - Religion - Jewish	Jewish	Not Recorded		1	1
		Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		1	2
		Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		1	
		Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		1	4
		Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.			1
		Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.		1	
Hate - Religion - Muslim	Muslim	Not Recorded		1	7
		Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		2	4
		Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		1	5
		Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired			1
		Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		7	5
		Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.		2	1
		Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency		1	1
		Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.		1	1
		Type 3 - Caution Adult		2	1
		Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)			2
		Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)			1
Hate - Religion - No religion	No religion	Not Recorded		1	
		Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		1	
Hate - Religion - Other	Other	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			2
		Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		3	1
		Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)			1
Hate - Religion - Unknown	Unknown	Not Recorded			2
		Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			1
		Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1		
		Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		1	1
		Type 5 - Offender has died	1		
		Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)			1
Religion	Not Recorded	A - Charge/summons	4		
		Not Recorded	11		
Total			24	39	56



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.

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*

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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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