



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000914-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 9 March 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"Please tell me the number of recorded offences under s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 recorded between April 3 2017 and October 3 2017.*
2. (a) *Please tell me the number of disposals under s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 recorded between April 3 2017 and January 3 2018.*
(b) *Please provide a bullet point list of the recorded offences recorded in connection with those disposals.*
3. *Please provide all the forms of communication (eg. text message, Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Kik etc.) that have been recorded as having been used in connection with recorded offences under s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 between April 3 2017 and October 3 2017 and their prevalence.*
4. *Please tell me the age of the youngest victim identified in these recorded offences or recorded disposals over this time period."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14 March 2018

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and our response is below.

1. The total number of offences recorded under s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, recorded between 3 April and 3 October 2017, is as follows:

Force	Total
Norfolk Constabulary	19
Suffolk Constabulary	27
Grand Total	46

2. The recorded outcomes for the offences listed above, are provided in the table below by offence type.

Offence / Outcome	Norfolk	Suffolk
Attempted - Engage in sexual communication with a child	2	3
Not Recorded		2
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1	
Engage in sexual communication with a child	17	24
Not Recorded	2	4
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	2	1
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest	1	
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1	1
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1	4
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	10	11
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency		2
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)		1
Grand Total	19	27

3. A freetext search of the above offences located the following number of offences that contained reference to one of the aforementioned forms of communication. Please note that the fact one of these terms is included within the crime, does not mean it is necessarily a factor of the offence. ‘

Communication Type	Norfolk	Suffolk
Facebook	4	1
Instagram		1
MSN		1
Oovoo		1
Snapchat	3	1
Tango		1
Whatsapp	1	
Grand Total	8	6

4. The age of the youngest victim was 8 (Norfolk) and 10 (Suffolk).

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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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
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