

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000939-18

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

1. *“How many Racist and Religiously aggravated hate crimes were reported to your force between 1st January and 31st December in the following years? (As per the table, please break down reports by calendar years)*
2. *Of the Racially or Religiously aggravated hate crimes listed in **Question 1** – how many were reports against one, or more, female victims. (Please **do not** include any reports in which a male victim was also included)*
3. *Of the Racially or Religiously aggravated hate crimes reported in **Question 1** – how many of these resulted in at least one person being charged. (Please note - if someone was charged in a year following that in which the report was first made – please include the charge in the SAME year as the report was made)*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 15 March 2018

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 hate crimes recorded from 1 January 2013 – 31 December 2017.

1. The total number of Racist and Religiously aggravated hate crimes reported, were as follows:

Year	Number of Reports
2013	367
2014	444
2015	380
2016	494
2017	570

2. The total number of those crimes listed above that had one or more female victims, is as follows:



Year	Female victims
2013	128
2014	173
2015	116
2016	164
2017	210

3. The total number of offences that resulted in a charge, was as follows, noting some investigation's may be ongoing.

Year	Charges
2013	79
2014	21
2015	54
2016	63
2017	71

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