



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001101-19

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

"I'd like to request a comprehensive set of data on revenge porn offences over the last 4 full calendar years.

Specifically I'd like to receive:

A) For the offence of "disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress"; for each of the calendar years from 2015 to 2018; further broken down by:

Sheet 1: AREA – The area in which the offence occurred, which may be categorized depending on the police force by: Area, or Borough, or Operational Command Unit

Sheet 2: SELF DEFINED ETHNICITY OF SUSPECT – e.g. A1: Asian – Indian; A2: Asian – Pakistani

Sheet 3: SELF DEFINED ETHNICITY OF VICTIM – as above

Sheet 4: GENDER OF SUSPECT – the gender of the suspect, usually Female, Male or Unknown/unrecorded

Sheet 5: GENDER OF VICTIM – as above

Sheet 6: AGE GROUP – the age or age group of the suspect and victim: 0-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+, Unknown (NB for under-18s the offences of "distributing indecent images of children" or "abuse of children through sexual exploitation", or similar apply; each of the records will likely have to be individually checked to determine if they have been correctly classified)

Sheet 7: OUTCOME - the expanded outcomes list introduced by the Home Office to most forces in April 2014 (e.g. number of charges or conviction)"

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 2 April 2019

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

The tables provided below confirm the total number of offences recorded of 'Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress', for the 2015 – 2018 calendar years.

1. The table below confirms the area in which the offence took place. Please note that some of these areas are out of force owing to the suspect location being within the Suffolk area and the victim elsewhere.

Area	2015	2016	2017	2018
Beds South			1	
East Cambs		1		
East Suffolk		5	9	7
Fenland				1
North Essex				1
Not Recorded	10			
Other force		1		
South Suffolk	5	10	20	23
West Suffolk	1	6	13	12
Grand Total	16	23	43	44

2. The self-defined ethnicity of the suspect is as follows, where recorded:

Self- Defined Ethnicity	2015	2016	2017	2018
Any Other Asian Background				1
Any Other Mixed Background			1	1
Any Other White Background		1	2	
Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	1			
Not Recorded	7	9	26	20
Not Stated	1			
White - British	4			
White And Asian			1	
White And Black Caribbean				1
White British	3	13	13	20
White Irish				1
Grand Total	16	23	43	44

3. The self-defined ethnicity of the victim is as follows, where recorded:



Self- Defined Ethnicity	2015	2016	2017	2018
Any Other Black Background		1		
Any Other Mixed Background		2		
Any Other White Background		2		
Not Recorded	3	10	21	14
Not stated	2		1	
White - Any Other White Background	1			
White - British	7			
White British	3	8	21	30
Grand Total	16	23	43	44

4. The suspect gender is as follows, where recorded:

Gender	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	2	5	5	14
Male	8	16	24	19
Not Recorded	6	2	14	11
Grand Total	16	23	43	44

5. The victim gender is as follows, where recorded:

Gender	2015	2016	2017	2018
Female	13	20	35	34
Male	2	3	3	8
Not Recorded	1		5	2
Grand Total	16	23	43	44

6. The age groups of the suspects and victims, are as follows, where recorded:

Victim Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018
0-17	2	3	6	7
18-29	6	12	24	17
30-39	3	4	5	8
40-49	1	4	2	7
50-59	1		2	1



60+				2
Not Recorded	3		4	2
Grand Total	16	23	43	44

Suspect Age Group	2015	2016	2017	2018
0-17		1	7	5
18-29	5	7	10	15
30-39	2	10	6	7
40-49	2	2	3	4
50-59		1		2
Not Recorded	7	2	17	11
Grand Total	16	23	43	44

7. The outcome of those offences is as follows, where recorded:

Outcome	2015	2016	2017	2018
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1	6	4	2
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.		1		
Type 3 - Caution Adult	1			1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1	6	4	
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)		1	1	
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties - Suspect Not Identified	1	1	3	2
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	2	4	9	15
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	2	2	11	9
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		1	8	6
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	1	1		2
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.			1	1
No Further Action	1			
Not Recorded	6		2	6
Grand Total	16	23	43	44

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700