



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001187-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 25 April 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many crimes under so called "revenge pornography laws" were recorded by your force, listed by outcome category, between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016?”*
2. *Please state the same information as in question 1 for the year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017*
3. *Please state the same information as in question 1 for the year 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018*

*By "revenge pornography" laws, I am referring to the offence of disclosing private sexual photographs and films of an individual with intent to cause that individual distress, as covered by the Criminal Justice Act 2015, section 33.*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

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

A search has been carried out via the Constabulary's crime information systems against the offence of "Disclose sex photos with intent to cause distress".

The below table provides the total number of offences for each year requested broken down by outcome. Please note that this will also incorporate "secondary offences" of this nature where "revenge porn" has also been investigated:

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>	<b>2016/2017</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1	7	4
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)		2	1
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	1	2	2



Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	2	6	9
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	2	10	7
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available		6	8
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.		1	
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	1	1	
Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision.		1	
Type 3 - Caution Adult			1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)		8	2
Charged	1		
Cautioned	1		
No Further Action	2		
Not recorded	6	1	15
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>

***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.***

***Please be aware that the information provided/researched from the 19 October 2015 has been extracted from the Athena crime system. The information provided is subject to change as processes are amended to ensure accurate and precise crime recording.***

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;  
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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](mailto: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](http://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