

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001240-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 29 March 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“How many crimes under so called revenge pornography laws (section 3 of the criminal justice and courts act) were recorded by your force, broken down by outcome category and age of victim at the time of reporting, in the financial years:

1. 2015-16
2. 2016-17
3. 2017-18
4. 2018-19

My preference would be to receive an exact age of victim in each case but if the numbers of cases your force has handled is low, and you consider this could identify the victim, please provide the victims' ages in the following bands:

0-10, 11-15, 16-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80, 81-90, 91-100 etc.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 11 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 2015/16 – 2018/19 financial years.

The age groups of the victims, are as follows, where recorded:

Victim Age Group	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
age 11-15		1	1	2
age 16-20	5	10	10	4
age 21-30	5	15	18	14
age 31-40	6	5	6	4
age 41-50	1	3	4	5
age 51-60	1		1	1



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age 61-70				1
age 71-80				1
Not recorded	2			
Grand Total	20	34	40	32

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

Outcome	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Not Recorded		14	1	1
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition			6	4
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)			1	1
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified		1	1	2
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		1	5	12
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		2	6	7
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.			3	9
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.			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		1		1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)			8	2
Grand Total	20	34	40	32

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