



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001267-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 6th April, 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many hate crimes have been recorded from March 2013 - March 2018? Please provide a breakdown by year.*
2. *How many of the above hate crimes pertained to race or ethnicity from March 2013 - March 2018? Please provide a breakdown by year.*
3. *How many of the hate crimes pertaining to race or ethnicity were reported by 18-25 year olds from March 2013 - March 2018? Please provide a breakdown by year.*
4. *How many of the hate crimes pertaining to race or ethnicity were reported as happening within a higher education facility i.e. university or college from March 2013 - March 2018? Please provide a breakdown by year.*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3rd May, 2018.

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

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: “...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.” The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the ‘appropriate limit’ for the Suffolk Constabulary as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

Specifically in relation to question 4 of your request and the data for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 we are unable to provide the number of times a race related hate crime has been recorded at higher education. This information is held on our old crime information system CIS which we are no longer able to search in an accurate manner the location of hate crime and on this occasion those at high education. To be able to gain this information would require a manual search through each race related hate crime to ascertain the location, it is estimated that it would take at least 5 minutes per crime with 1139 crimes to search therefore would take in excess of 94 hours.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting all information your request is too broad to be complied with within the £450 limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request

1. The number of hate crimes between 2013 to 2018 is reflected in the table below.

| 2013 from March | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 to March |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 491 | 652 | 602 | 868 | 1434 | 305 |

2. The numbers of race related hate crimes is reflected in the table below.

| 2013 from March | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 to March |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 313 | 444 | 382 | 525 | 672 | 131 |

3. The number of race related hate crimes reported by individuals between the ages of 18 to 23 is reflected below.

| 2013 from March | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 to March |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 23 | 50 | 44 | 56 | 51 | 15 |

4. In respect to the number of race related hate crimes reported to have taken place at higher education please refer to the above section 12 in respect to data for years 2013 to 2015.

| 2013 from March | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 to March |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| x | x | x | 0 | 2 | 0 |

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;
<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
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