

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001296-19

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:

1. "Please can you tell me how many crimes were recorded under section 33 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (so-called revenge porn) by your police force in the calendar years:
 - a. 2015 (from April when the law came into effect)
 - b. 2016
 - c. 2017
 - d. 2018
 - e. 2019 (to date)

2. Please can you tell me how many arrests under section 33 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (so-called revenge porn) were made by your officers in the calendar years:
 - a. 2015 (from April when the law came into effect)
 - b. 2016
 - c. 2017
 - d. 2018
 - e. 2019 (to date)

3. Please can you give me figures for the outcomes (charged etc) per year of the arrests identified in the answers to Q2a-e?"

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 31 March 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 – 2019 calendar years.

1. The table below confirms the total number of offences recorded by year:

Year	Total
2015	16
2016	23

2017	43
2018	48
2019	9
Total	139

2. 'Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress' is not an arrest reason. Therefore, the data provided relates to those investigations (above) that has a linked custody record.

Year	Total
2015	0
2016	8
2017	6
2018	7
2019	1
Total	22

3. The outcome of those offences listed in Q1 is as follows, where recorded:

Outcome	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
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	9



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.

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<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