

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001380-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 10 April 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I hope you are well. I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to your force's use of Section 16 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861. Please disclose:

- a. *The number of people reported to your force for an offence under Section 16.*
- b. *The number of people charged as a result.*
- c. *The number of people reported to your force for an offence under Section 16 **which involved the use of social media.***
- d. *The number of people charged as a result.*

For each question, please provide data for each calendar of these calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 2017 and 2018."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 25 April 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded under Section 16 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 – Threats to Kill.

The total number of persons reported to the Constabulary under this offence is as follows;

Year	Total
2013	136
2014	129
2015	206
2016	165
2017	184
2018	226
Total	1046

The total number of charges brought against the above persons is provided in the table below, noting some investigations will be under investigation.

Please note that data prior to 19 October 2015 has been extracted from the legacy custody data and relates to all persons charged with this offence. Data contained within the current crime system will only provide charge data per investigation and consequently, this data is not directly comparable.

Year	Total
2013	39
2014	37
2015	36
2016	62
2017	52
2018	26
Total	252

The total number of those offences that contain an online flag, is as follows:

Year	Total
2013	2
2014	4
2015	3
2016	3
2017	2
Total	14

The total number of persons charged with an offence involving social media, is as follows, noting some investigations will be under investigation:

Year	Total
2014	2
2016	1
Total	3

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