

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001412-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 18 April 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“For the year of 2017 please provide:

- a) the total number of crime reports that were initially classified as modern slavery
- b) the total number of crime reports confirmed as modern slavery by 31st December 2017
- c) the detection rate for modern slavery in force as of 31st December 2017.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 30 April 2018.

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

Suffolk Constabulary has completed a search of all offences recorded under the Modern Slavery Act during the 2017 calendar year.

The information provided in the table below confirms the total number of investigations, by offence type and outcome.

The Constabulary does not differentiate between initial and confirmed cases, therefore the information provided below relates to all investigations concerning modern slavery.

Offence / Outcome	2017
Arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation	
C1 Transfer to another force	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	1
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	2
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	3
Under Investigation	2
Attempt to arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation	
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	1
Attempted - Commit offence of kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation	
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified	1

Attempted - Commit offence other than kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation	
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified	1
Commit offence other than kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation	
Under Investigation	1
Hold a person in slavery or servitude	
C2 Cancel	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties	4
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1
Under Investigation	1
Require person to perform forced or compulsory labour	
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.	1
Grand Total	21

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.

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
Telephone: 01625 545 700