

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001711-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 11 May 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“For each of the following financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 please provide the following information:*

- 1. Total number of disability hate crime cases recorded by your force.*
- 2. For each yearly total in question 1, please state the total number of cases in which the/a victim was a) under 16, b) 16-17, c) 18-25, d) 26-40, e) 41-60 and f) over 60.*
- 3. If recorded, please state the total number of disability hate crime cases carried out in/around school property (please include all educational establishments from early years to FE colleges).*
- 4. Please state the total number of disability hate crime cases carried out in/around university property.*

**If the information is only available in calendar years, please use calendar years to the nearest date possible.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 22 May 2018

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 crimes recorded that have a disability hate crime marker for the 2013/14 – 2017/18 financial years.

- The total number of disability hate crimes recorded is as follows:

Financial Year	Disability Hate Crime
2013/14	93
2014/15	123
2015/16	107
2016/17	346

2017/18	565
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2. The age of the victims involved in the above offences, were as follows:

Victim Age	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Under 16	4	10	12	13	41
16-17	6	6	2	8	9
18-25	4	6	5	27	45
26-40	22	26	13	45	78
41-60	26	34	21	81	132
Over 60	17	16	19	41	62
Blank	12	23	34	131	198

3. Information concerning educational establishments is not broken down specifically by premise type for the years specified. Prior to the introduction of the crime recording system Athena on 19 October 2015, crimes were labelled as 'school' or 'college', where as information recorded on Athena is labelled as 'College/University' and 'School'. The information provided in the table below therefore provides the data as a whole for education establishments.

Financial Year	Disability Hate Crime – Educational Establishments
2013/14	2
2014/15	2
2015/16	3
2016/17	5
2017/18	7

4. As above.

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