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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002186-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 12 June 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Please provide the number of homophobic hate crimes recorded by your force for the following financial years - please break the figures down by whether the victim was male or female:*
 - a. 2014/15
 - b. 2015/16
 - c. 2016/17
 - d. 2017/18
 - e. 2018/19

2. *Please tell me the outcomes (charged, NFA, caution etc.) of the investigations into the homophobic hate crimes recorded in the answers to Q1a-e for the following financial years - please break the figures down by whether the victim was male or female:*
 - a. 2014/15
 - b. 2015/16
 - c. 2016/17
 - d. 2017/18
 - e. 2018/19”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 25 June 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 Hate crimes recorded during the time frame specified, where the hate crime type has been recorded as ‘Sexual Orientation’.

The information has been sourced from two crime systems as a result of a change in October 2015. Information held on the legacy system was not necessarily recorded with the specific hate crime marker or associated hate strand, consequently the information from the two systems is not directly comparable. In addition, the recording of hate crime has become much improved over the last few years and this will also account for the apparent rise in this type of offence.

The information provided in the table below confirms the total number of Sexual Orientation hate



crime recorded for the relevant financial years, by victim gender and outcome.

Please note that the information provided relates to crime data only, none crimes and incidents have been removed.

| Victim gender / Outcome | 14/15 | 15/16 | 16/17 | 17/18 | 18/19 | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| FEMALE | 16 | 24 | 20 | 38 | 44 | 142 |
| A1. Charge | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| B1. Caution | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| BAILED TO POLICE STATION | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| NFA - CR | 3 | 1 | | | | 4 |
| NO FURTHER ACTION | 4 | 2 | | | | 6 |
| Not Recorded | 6 | 12 | | 1 | 4 | 23 |
| Type 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Type 12 | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Type 14 | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Type 15 | | 2 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 35 |
| Type 16 | | | 5 | 7 | 4 | 16 |
| Type 18 | | 2 | 8 | 13 | 9 | 32 |
| Type 1A | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Type 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Type 20 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Type 21 | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Type 3 | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Type 8 | | | | 3 | | 3 |
| MALE | 37 | 37 | 67 | 89 | 103 | 333 |
| A1. Charge | 3 | 1 | | | | 4 |
| B1. Caution | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| D6. CPS decide not to prosecute | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| E. Penalty Notice Issued | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| NFA - CR | 6 | | | | | 6 |
| NO FURTHER ACTION | 5 | 3 | | | | 8 |
| Not Recorded | 18 | 22 | | | 6 | 46 |
| Type 1 | | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 19 |
| Type 10 | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Type 11 | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Type 12 | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Type 14 | | 1 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 24 |
| Type 15 | | 3 | 12 | 12 | 28 | 55 |



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| Type 16 | | 1 | 19 | 23 | 17 | 60 |
| Type 17 | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Type 18 | | 3 | 17 | 12 | 22 | 54 |
| Type 1A | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Type 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Type 20 | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Type 21 | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Type 3 | | | 1 | 5 | 2 | 8 |
| Type 4 | | | | 13 | | 13 |
| Type 6 | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Type 8 | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| Type 9 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| NOT RECORDED | 4 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 16 | 44 |
| A1. Charge | 1 | 2 | | | | 3 |
| Not Recorded | 3 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| Type 1 | | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Type 10 | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Type 14 | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Type 15 | | | 2 | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| Type 16 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Type 18 | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| Type 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Type 21 | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 |
| Grand Total | 57 | 66 | 95 | 138 | 163 | 519 |

| Outcomes |
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| Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition |
| Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule. |
| Type 2 - Caution Youth |
| Type 3 - Caution Adult |
| Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration |
| Type 6 - Penalty notice for disorder |
| Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime) |
| Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS) |
| Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police) |
| Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility |
| Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute |
| Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim |



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| Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender |
| Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action |
| Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action |
| Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired |
| Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available |
| Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken |
| Type 21 - Further investigation resulting from crime report which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action against the suspect is not in the public interest - police decision. |

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.

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