



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002347-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 4 July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many cases of sexual assault/rape have been investigated by your Police force within the last 3 years, and how many resulted in no charges being brought against suspected offenders in each of those years and, where possible, reasons why they were unsuccessful investigations?”*
2. *Also what groups of individuals are committing these crimes, particularly how many are committed by under 16s, those aged 16 to 24, those aged 25 to 39 and those aged 40 or older in each of the last 3 years.*
3. *How many of the crimes investigated have been committed by British and Irish nationals, how many have been committed by foreign nationals from other European countries, and how many by foreign nationals from outside Europe in each of the last 3 years?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 11 July 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 sexual offences recorded for the time frame 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2018. Please note that the information provided relates to the years from July – June, as opposed to financial year.

The table provided below confirms the total number of offences by year and recorded outcome. The data has been supplied in two separate tables as a result of a change in crime recording systems on 19 October 2015.

Outcomes recorded on the legacy system are not always available and appear as 'not recorded' on the outcome field. This may relate to occasions where no suspect was identified and the crime was undetected, or where the outcome was not completed in this searchable field.

| Outcome | 1 July – 19 October 2015 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| A1. Charge | 15 |
| B1. Caution | 5 |



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| B3. Youth Caution | 1 |
| BAILED TO POLICE STATION | 9 |
| NFA - CFC | 2 |
| NFA - CR | 4 |
| NO FURTHER ACTION | 45 |
| Not Recorded | 342 |
| REBAILED | 2 |
| Grand Total | 425 |

The table provided below relates to information recorded from 19 October 2015 onwards. Please note that some of the offences will still be under investigation.

| Outcome | 19 Oct – 30 June | 1 July – 30 June | |
|---|---------------------|------------------|---------|
| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Not Recorded | 33 | 120 | 983 |
| Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition | 95 | 106 | 54 |
| Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police) | 11 | 9 | 14 |
| Type 11 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Below The Age Of Criminal Responsibility | 20 | 19 | 17 |
| Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute | 13 | 22 | 16 |
| Type 13 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence | 4 | 9 | 4 |
| Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender | 53 | 90 | 73 |
| Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action | 259 | 396 | 262 |
| Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action | 310 | 481 | 293 |
| Type 17 - Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired | | 1 | |
| Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available | 88 | 192 | 167 |
| Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule. | 17 | 6 | 5 |



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| Type 2 - Caution Youth | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| 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 | 120 | 191 | 155 |
| 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. | 26 | 49 | 20 |
| Type 3 - Caution Adult | 14 | 11 | 8 |
| Type 3A - Caution Adult - alternate offence. Offender has been given a simple caution under the alternate offences rule. | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Type 5 - Offender has died | 11 | 9 | |
| Type 6 - Penalty notice for disorder | 1 | | |
| Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime) | 25 | 29 | 20 |
| Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS) | 11 | 6 | |
| Grand Total | 1117 | 1755 | 2096 |

The age groups of the suspects are provided in the table below. Please note that the date of birth of a suspect is not always completed on the crime system or, no suspect has been identified, in these cases the information will fall under the 'not recorded' category.

| Age Category | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 15 Years Old and Under | 163 | 229 | 246 |
| 16 to 24 Years Old | 283 | 329 | 335 |
| 25 to 39 Years Old | 270 | 321 | 398 |
| 40 Years Old or Older | 263 | 364 | 378 |
| Not Recorded | 563 | 512 | 739 |
| Grand Total | 1542 | 1755 | 2096 |

The suspect nationalities are provided in the table below. Please note nationality is a non-mandatory field and there are occasions where the details are not completed and will appear as 'not recorded'.

| Nationality | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Afghan | | 2 | |
| Albanian | | 1 | |
| Algerian | | | 1 |



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| American | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| Bangladeshi | 4 | | 2 |
| Barbadian | | 1 | 1 |
| Brazilian | 1 | 1 | |
| British | 353 | 568 | 560 |
| Bulgarian | 2 | | 1 |
| Chinese | | | 1 |
| Congolese | | 1 | |
| Czech | | | 1 |
| Egyptian | 1 | | 1 |
| England | 16 | 1 | 9 |
| Fijian | 1 | | |
| Gambian | 1 | 1 | |
| Ghanaian | | | 1 |
| Greek | | | 1 |
| Guinea - Bissaun | 2 | 2 | |
| Guyanese | | 1 | |
| Hungarian | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Indian | 3 | | 3 |
| Iranian | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Iraqi | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Irish | 2 | 1 | |
| Italian | | 3 | |
| Jamaican | 1 | | |
| Kosovan | | | 1 |
| Latvian | 3 | 1 | |
| Lithuanian | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Mauritian | 1 | | |
| Moroccan | | | 1 |
| Nigerian (Nigerian) | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Pakistani | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Polish | 5 | 9 | 5 |
| Portuguese | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Romanian | 8 | 15 | 18 |



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| Sierra Leonean | | | 1 |
| Somali | 1 | | |
| South Africa | 1 | | |
| Sri Lankan | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| St. Lucian | | | 1 |
| Syrian | 1 | | |
| Tajikistani | 1 | | |
| Thai | | | 1 |
| Turkish | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Ugandan | | | 1 |
| United Kingdom | 117 | | |
| United States | 1 | | |
| Zimbabwean | | 3 | |
| Not Recorded | 992 | 1114 | 1453 |
| Grand Total | 1542 | 1755 | 2096 |

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.

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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:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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