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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002358-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 28 June 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Total numbers of hate crimes reported to your force in the past five years (broken down by year) where the victim was Muslim or the perpetrator targeted them because they thought they were Muslim*
2. *Total numbers of hate crimes reported to your force in the past five years (broken down by year) where the victim was a Muslim woman*
3. *Total numbers of hate crimes reported to your force in the past five years (broken down by year) where the victim was a Muslim woman and where the wearing of a headscarf (hijab) was cited as a factor in the complaint or the subsequent investigation*
4. *Total numbers of hate crimes reported to your force in the past five years (broken down by year) where the victim was a Muslim woman and the wearing of a niqab or burqa (face veil) was cited as a factor in the complaint or the subsequent investigation*
5. *Total numbers of hate crimes reported to your force since August 6 2018, where the victim was a Muslim woman - please provide figures for all attacks, and for attacks where the wearing of a headscarf (hijab) or face veil (burqa or niqab) was cited as a factor in the complaint or the subsequent investigation”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 12 July 2019

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

Information concerning hate crime has only been recorded to identify the specific religion targeted since the introduction of the current crime system Athena, from 19 October 2015. Information prior to this time is recorded under the generic heading of ‘Hate – Religion’ or ‘Believed Faith’. Having conducted a scan of a few of these records, the specific religion is not mentioned and would therefore require an element of interpretation, which is not a requirement of the Act.

The Constabulary has therefore provided the information from 19 October 2015 to date, for all hate crimes recorded under the ‘Hate Incident – Muslim’ category.



1. The total number of hate crimes recorded under 'Hate Incident – Muslim' is as follows:

Year	Total
2015	3
2016	13
2017	25
2018	21

2. The total numbers of hate crimes reported where the victim was a Muslim woman, is as follows:

Year	Total
2015	1
2016	5
2017	8
2018	3

3. The total number of hate crimes reported where the victim was a Muslim woman and where the wearing of a headscarf (hijab) was cited as a factor in the complaint or the subsequent investigation, is as follows:

Year	Total
2015	0
2016	0
2017	1
2018	1

4. The total number of hate crimes reported where the victim was a Muslim woman and the wearing of a niqab or burqa (face veil) was cited as a factor in the complaint or the subsequent investigation, is as follows:

Year	Total
2015	1
2016	0
2017	0
2018	0



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5. The total numbers of hate crimes reported since August 6 2018, where the victim was a Muslim woman is as follows:

	Total
Total – Hate Crime - Muslim	18
1 or more Muslim female victims	3
Religious Attire	0

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;
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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