



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002509-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 18 July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Could you please tell me if you provide Restorative Justice services involving sex offence cases?”*
2. *If yes, how many people took up this service in 2016, 2017 and thus far in 2018*
3. *Please provide the numbers of all restorative justice cases, regardless of types of offence, for 2016, 2017 and thus far in 2018.*
4. *Please provide the numbers of all sex offence cases that result in a conviction for 2016, 2017 and thus far in 2018.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 25 July 2018

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and our response is below.

1. Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies do not have a Restorative Justice Service involving sex offence cases.
2. N/A
3. A Community Resolution is intended for use with the express wish of the victim and where there is no public interest to formally prosecute the offender. They are intended for use with low level offences. They may also be used when the circumstances of the offence, age or actions of the offender have led the decision maker to deem this out of court disposal to be the most appropriate and proportionate course of action. A Community Resolution can adequately deliver restorative justice for the victim and also assist in addressing the root causes of offending behaviour.

The total number of offences that resulted in a community resolution is provided in the table below and of those, the number that were specifically in relation to any sexual offence. Please note that a number of offences remain under investigation.

Year	Total Community Resolution	Sexual Offences
2016	2054	33
2017	1605	26
2018	393	10

4. The Constabularies do not hold conviction data, which should be sought directly from the Courts. We have therefore provided the total number of sexual offences that resulted in an individual being charged. Please note that a number of these offences will still be under investigation, which will result in the figures increasing as the investigations progress.

Year	Sexual Offences - Charged
2016	220
2017	165
2018	27

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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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
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