



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002845-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 7 August 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I want know the number of homophobic and transphobic hate crimes that Suffolk Constabulary has recorded over the past five years. I would like a year-by-year breakdown of these numbers, from 2013 to 2019. If you don't have data for 2019 yet, data from 2013-2018 is fine. I would like the breakdown to be in calendar years, not financial ones."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 19 August 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 that have a transgender or homophobic marker. The data provided below confirms the total number of offences recorded by year and hate crime strain. The information has been provided in two tables as a result in a change in crime recording systems during 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.

Please note that the information supplied excludes non crime data.

	Homophobic	Transphobic
2013	77	23
2014	84	15
2015	73	12

	Sexual Orientation	Transgender
2015	10	3
2016	91	10
2017	105	21
2018	172	15



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2019*	76	21
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*January – June inclusive

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