



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002957-18

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

1. *"A list of all crimes reported where the victim's red/ginger hair was a factor in the offence during the 2015, 2016 and 2017 calendar years.*

Please include:

- a) a description of the offence*
 - b) the location*
 - c) the date reported (DD/MM/YYYY)*
 - d) the most recent crime outcome*
2. *A list of all hate incidents where the victim's red/ginger hair was a factor in the offence during the 2015, 2016 and 2017 calendar years.*

Please include:

- a) a description of the incident as recorded*
- b) the location*
- c) the date reported (DD/MM/YYYY)"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 21 August 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 offences recorded that contained the word 'ginger' or 'red hair' within the freetext of the crime. Please be aware that by their very nature, freetext searches are not entirely accurate and consequently, there may be additional offences recorded that do not contain these specific words, and so will not appear within this return.

Each crime was then reviewed to extract those where a suspect has expressed hatred towards a young child with ginger hair.

Please note as this is not a defined hate crime matter determining these offences there is a high degree of subjectivity when reading investigation notes. Almost all of these recorded instances are parts of other crime matters ie Domestic Abuse or Assault.

There were a total of 12 relevant offences located, details for which are as follows:

Date	HO Classification	Location	Outcomes
07/01/2017	Harassment, alarm or distress (S5 POA)	Ipswich	Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency
05/11/2015	Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Lowestoft	Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency
05/02/2017	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Sudbury	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties
05/03/2016	Threats to kill	Bury St Edmunds	Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition
23/05/2016	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Ipswich	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties
01/06/2016	Child Protection Investigation	Ipswich	Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)
14/06/2016	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Lowestoft	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties
22/06/2016	Assault without injury on a constable (Police Act offence)	Bury St Edmunds	Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition
19/06/2017	Placing or dispatching articles to cause a bomb hoax	Ipswich	Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties
23/06/2017	Assault with Injury - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Haverhill	Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)
18/10/2017	Child Protection Investigation	Lowestoft	Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties
03/11/2017	Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	Ipswich	Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)

There was one hate incident recorded, the details for which is as follows:

10/10/2015 - Fear Or Provocation Of Violence – Female driving a vehicle in Ipswich close to an educational establishment – where abuse was shouted towards her 3 year old child who was a passenger in the vehicle – the unknown suspect has then thrown a stone at the car just missing the open window where the young child was sat.

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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.

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 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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700