



18th September 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 003025/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 20th August 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

- Please detail the number of cases in which your force has charged an individual using information provided by 'paedophile hunting' group from January 1st to June 30th June 2018.
- For each case, please detail what an individual was charged with, the date of the arrest and any other details about the case that do not violate data protection laws.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 4th September 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes using keywords of 'paedophile hunter/hunting' and 'vigilante' and where a suspect has been charged. The results have been reviewed to see if any are relevant to your request. Please see below:-

Date	Offence	Details
NORFOLK CRIMES		
January 2018	Engage in sexual communication with a child	Members of the public are part of a paedophile hunter group and have reported a male grooming children.
March 2018	Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity No Penetration - Offender 18 or over	Male has communicated online using Facebook by using a number of different profiles in which he has conversed with another user from a Paedophile Hunter group in which they purported to be 13 and 14 year old girls.
SUFFOLK CRIMES		
January 2018	Attempted - Engage in sexual communication with a child	An adult male suspect has been sending messages and images to, what he believed to have been a 13yr old female, but in fact it was a team of Paedophile Hunters

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, 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
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.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
Telephone: 01625 545 700