

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003114-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 25 August 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I request a breakdown of violent crime in Suffolk – presumably ABH and GBH – I'm not sure how the constabulary currently lists violent crime.

I would like to know for the county of Suffolk for 2017:

How many violent crimes were reported?

What were the ethnic / gender breakdowns on this in regards to alleged perpetrators and victims. How many people were charged in 2017 for violent crime? Ethnic & gender breakdown How many citizens (alleged victims) reported violent crime? Ethnic & gender breakdown

How many violent cases involved a racial motive (race hate crime charge was applied) and what were the victims and charged persons ethnic identities?

I recognize that the police can only charge an alleged perpetrator of crime and that the courts make the final judgement."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 11 September 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 violent offences recorded for the 2017 calendar year.

The total number of violent offences recorded is provided below, broken down by violence with and violence without injury.

Offence	Total Crime
Violence With Injury	5424
Violence Without Injury	11149
Grand Total	16573

The ethnicity and gender of the victims and suspects are provided on the attached spreadsheet. Please note that these fields are not always completed and therefore there are a number of occasions where the information is not recorded. There are less victims than recorded crimes owing to the way in which people are recorded on the crime system, for example there will be a number of crimes that have 'involved parties' as opposed to victims.

The total number of persons charged including their gender and ethnic breakdown, is as follows, noting that there are other positive outcomes available and some of these offences will still be under investigation.

Offence / Ethnicity - Charged	Female	Male	Not Recorded	(blank)	Total
Violence With Injury	84	546	1	34	665
Asian		8			8
Black	3	35			38
Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian		1			1
Middle Eastern		1			1
Unknown	1	11	1		13
White - North European	79	477			556
White - South European	1	13			14
(blank)				34	34
Violence Without Injury	8	206		6	220
Asian		7			7
Black		8			8
Unknown		1			1
White - North European	8	190			198
(blank)				6	6
Grand Total	92	752	1	40	885

The total number of violent crime that contained a race hate marker, is provided in the table below by suspect ethnicity.

Ethnicity	Violence With Injury	Violence Without Injury	Grand Total
Any Other Black Background		1	1
Any Other White Background		2	2
Not Recorded		3	3
Not stated		2	2
White British	1	11	12
Grand Total	1	19	20



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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