

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003242-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 6 September 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“The number of crimes logged in the last 5 years which include the words Tinder or Grindr. Could these figures be broken down by year, with the type of crimes they are linked to also listed.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 21 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 offences that include the words Tinder or Grindr for the time frame 1 January 2013 – 21 September 2018.

The total number of offences, broken down by offence description and year, is provided in the table below.

Offence	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Grindr</b>					
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1				
Harassment	1				
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming				1	
Section 2 harassment - non crime	1				
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988				1	
Take or to make or to distribute indecent photographs of pseudo photographs of children					1
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm		1			
Assault by penetration				1	
Attempted - Meeting a child following sexual grooming			1	2	
Rape		1			1
<b>Tinder</b>					
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm		1			1
Blackmail				3	
Burglary - Residential - Dwelling					1



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Common assault & battery		1			
Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress				1	
Domestic Abuse Investigation					2
Domestic incident - non crime		1			
Harassment	1	3			
Malicious Communications		1			
Non - Crime Investigation: First instance of Harassment					1
Non Counting Fraud Investigation		1			
Other Criminal Damage To A Vehicle		1			
Possession of an indecent or pseudo photo of a child			1		
Section 2 harassment - non crime		4			
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety (Malicious Communications Act 1988)			1	3	1
Take or to make or to distribute indecent photographs of pseudo photographs of children			1		1
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter				1	
Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity No Penetration					1
Rape			1	5	1
Sexual activity			1		
Sexual Assault					1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>

***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;  
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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](mailto: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](http://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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