



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003353-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 18 September 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

“For the period between (and including) August 2016 and August 2019, could you please specify:

- The number of recorded crimes mentioning the word “Grindr”*
- The category of the crime – eg, assault, rape, burglary, robbery, etc*
- A brief note of the nature of the crime – ie, what happened? What is the link to Grindr?*
- The date of each crime*
- The outcome of each crime – eg, charge, no further action, etc”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 26 September 2019

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and the response is below.

A freetext search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all offences recorded that contain the word ‘Grindr’ within the freetext of the crime report.

The table provided below confirms the total number of offences recorded between August 2016 and August 2019, including the crime category.

Constabulary / Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019
Norfolk Constabulary		3	10	2
Assault		1		
Blackmail		1	1	
Disclosing Private Sexual Images to Cause Distress			1	
Domestic Affray			1	
Harassment		1		
Malicious Communication			4	1
Registered Sex Offender Breaching Sexual Harm Prevention Order			1	
Sexual Grooming with Attempt to Engage in Sexual Activity with a Child			1	
Theft				1

Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle			1	
Suffolk Constabulary	2	4	3	1
Assault without Injury and Theft				1
Fraud			1	
Malicious Communication		1		
Sexual Assault		1	1	
Sexual Grooming with Attempt to Engage in Sexual Activity with a Child	2	2		
Take/Make/Distribute Indecent Images of a Child			1	
Grand Total	2	7	13	3

A brief summary of each offence is provided in the table below.

Norfolk Constabulary
Suspect sends abusive messages after matching with the victim on Grindr
After exchange of explicit images with match on Grindr, the suspect posted images of victim on social media with personal information
Victim lied about being underage on Grindr app. Suspect then initiates sexual conversations and sends explicit images.
Suspect sends abusive and threatening messages after matching with the victim on Grindr
Victim sends explicit pictures to suspect. Suspect then threatens to publish pictures unless they meet
After matching on Grindr and exchanging mobile numbers, the suspect sends racially and religiously abusive messages causing distress
After leaving wallet and phone on a Grindr date, individual has taken more money than they were given by the victim
Argument between couple who had arranged an orgy over Grindr
After meeting Grindr match, victim took suspect back to their home. During the night, the suspect took the victim's car without permission and subsequently the victim received speeding tickets
Victim received abusive messages through matches on Grindr app
Victim matched with suspect on Grindr. There was an exchange of explicit photos on Snapchat. At a later date, blackmails victim demanding money and sexual favours to stop the publishing of pictures
Registered Sexual Offender breached their Sexual Harm Prevention Order by downloading Grindr and other social media and dating apps without Police authorisation
Victim met suspect on Grindr app. After both arrived at victim's home, the suspect starts to demand money. suspect punches victim in the face
Suspect sends abusive messages after matching with the victim on Grindr
Victim has received unknown men to his door supposedly have sex with his boyfriend as arranged through Grindr.
Suffolk Constabulary
Suspect sends abusive and threatening messages after matching with the victim on Grindr using Grindr and sending sexually explicit images of themselves
Victim met up with suspect from Grindr, who did not present as the individual in the profile. Their sexual encounter was secretly filmed by suspect and uploaded onto social media.
Victim met suspect on Grindr and quickly met. During the encounter, the suspect committed sexual assault (made sexual act without consent)
Suspect used Grindr to communicate with an underage female. Made attempt to arrange a meeting but suspect called it off.
Suspect used Grindr to meet men for sexual encounters. Continued to groom male even after

learning they were underage
Used Grindr to catch males with sexual interest in children.
Victim used Grindr, was communicating with an underage female. Arranged a meet up to help her change her ways, but an adult male turned up and got into victim's car with a hammer. damaged his car and threw his phone out the window.
Suspect used Grindr to communicate with an underage male. Conversations of a sexual nature were held and the suspect showed appreciation with the subject being underage.
Victim met suspect over Grindr. Suspect suggested flying to victim's home country and wanted £10,000 via PayPal. The victim paid this but managed to get most of it back.

The month and year of each crime is provided below:

Constabulary / Month	2016	2017	2018	2019
Norfolk Constabulary		3	10	2
April			2	
May				1
June			2	
August		2	1	1
September			3	
October			2	
November		1		
Suffolk Constabulary	2	4	3	1
January		1		1
March		1	2	
May			1	
June		1		
July		1		
November	2			
Grand Total	2	7	13	3

The outcome of each crime is as follows:

Constabulary / Month	2016	2017	2018	2019
Norfolk Constabulary		3	10	2
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition			2	
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)			1	
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified			2	
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		2		
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.		1	3	1
Type 3 - Caution Adult			1	
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)			1	
Suffolk Constabulary	2	4	3	1
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	2	1		
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based- Suspect Not Identified			1	
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			1	

Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties		1		
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified		1		1
Type 21 - Not in the public interest - police decision.			1	
Grand Total	2	7	13	3

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 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
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.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 40 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
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