

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 00-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 17 September 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Could you please provide a response to each question for the years (inclusive January – December) 2015, 2016, 2017 and (January-September) 2018.

- *How many incidents of Adolescent to Parent Violence and/or Abuse (APVA) were recorded by your police force?*
- *How many of these incidents led to a formal caution of the adolescent?*
- *How many of these incidents led to a criminal prosecution of the adolescent?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 25 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 ‘Violence Against the Person’ offences recorded during the 2015 – 2018 calendar years.

In order to establish the definition of ‘adolescent’ the Constabulary has based our response on Government guidance, which confirms ages of between 10 and 19 years old.

The information is based on the suspect-victim relationship being either; daughter, son, step-daughter or step-son. Please note that the relationship field is a non-mandatory field and this will not be recorded in all cases. Therefore, there may be additional relevant crimes, which have not been picked up by our research.

The total number of offences recorded are provided in the table below, by year and relationship.

Year	Daughter	Son	Step Daughter	Step Son
2015	22	44	2	1
2016	102	132	6	15
2017	159	191	8	16
2018	120	177	6	13

Grand Total	403	544	22	45
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The outcomes have been provided below where the offence resulted in either a charge or caution. Noting there are other available positive outcomes. Additionally, some of the offences will still be under investigation.

Please note that the Constabulary does not record conviction data, which should be sought directly from the courts.

Outcome Type	2015	2016	2017	2018
Daughter				
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	1	3	3	4
Type 2 - Caution Youth	3	4	14	2
Type 2 - Caution Adult		1		
Son				
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	5	15	13	16
Type 2 - Caution Youth	7	5	16	1
Type 3 - Caution Adult	4	4	1	1
Type 3A - Caution Adult - alternate offences		1	1	
Step-Daughter				
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition			1	
Step-Son				
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition		2	1	
Type 2 - Caution Youth		1		
Grand Total	20	36	50	24

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.

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 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 40 working 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