



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003446-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 24 September 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“The number of requests made to police under the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme in the following years- 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (up to the most recent point for which figures are available).*
2. *The number of such cases where information was withheld from the requester for the same years specified in Q1.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 2 October 2019

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

The Child Sex Offender Scheme was launched in Suffolk Constabulary during August 2010. The information provided in the table below therefore relates to the time frame August 2010 – 31 August 2019.

The number of non-disclosures relates to the year in which a decision was made, as opposed to the year in which the application was received.

Year	Applications	Non-disclosures*
August – December 2010	23	15
2011	21	18
2012	17	11
2013	23	10
2014	22	13
2015	66	39
2016	29	18
2017	56	31
2018	57	39
January – August 2019	36	24

*Non-disclosure includes those not progressed because they did not meet the criteria of the scheme, a disclosure was not authorised or the application was withdrawn.



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