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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003486-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 27 September 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“The total number of cyberstalking incidents recorded per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide an annual breakdown. For 2019, where possible please provide information until the end of September.*
2. *Where possible, provide detail on each recorded incident (e.g harassment, stalking, stalking involving serious alarm/distress). Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1*
3. *The number of cyberstalking incidents in which the perpetrator(s) is identified, per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1*
4. *The number of individuals that have reported cyberstalking offences to your police force, per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1*
5. *Please provide details relating to the outcome of the perpetrator referenced in Q3 (e.g charge, caution, fixed penalty, resolution). This information should be broken down per calendar year from 2014-Sept 2019 as per Q1.*
6. *The number of cyberstalking cases that have reached court per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1*
7. *The number of cyberstalking cases that resulted in a guilty verdict per calendar year from 2014 – 2019. Please provide annual breakdown as per Q1”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 24 October 2019

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 stalking and harassment offences recorded that have an online marker attached to them.

1. The table provide below confirms the total number of offences recorded with an online marker, by year and offence.



Offence Short Title	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Harassment - Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	26	20	1	13	16	12
Stalking involving fear of violence	1	1		1	2	
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	5		3	6	4	2
TOTAL	32	21	4	20	22	14

- As above
- The table provided below confirms the total number of suspects recorded against the above offences, by outcome and year.

Outcome	Number of suspects					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
A1. Charge	16	2				
B1. Caution		1				
Bailed to Police Station		1				
No Further Action	8	3				
Not Recorded	8	14				2
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition					1	
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence.					1	
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)				1		
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute					1	
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			1	10	4	3
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties			2	7	6	4
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified.						2
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency					1	
Type 3 - Caution Adult					2	3
Type 3A - Caution Adult - alternate offence.					1	
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)			1			
TOTAL	32	21	4	18	17	14

- The Constabulary will record one offence per victim, therefore please refer to the table provided in question 1 for the number of crimes and victims.



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5. As per question 3
6. The Constabulary does not record prosecution data or court outcomes, this data should be requested directly from the CPS. The recorded outcomes for each offender is recorded in the table provided under question 3.
7. As per 6 above

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