

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003706-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 14 October 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many reports of sexual offences were made to your police force, broken down by the ethnicity of (i) the alleged victims, and (ii) the alleged perpetrators, in the financial years:*
 - a. 2015-16
 - b. 2016-17
 - c. 2017-18
 - d. 2018-19
 - e. 2019-20 to date

2. *How many arrests for sexual offences were made by your officers, broken down by the ethnicity of (i) the alleged victims, and (ii) the alleged perpetrators in the financial years:*
 - a. 2015-16
 - b. 2016-17
 - c. 2017-18
 - d. 2018-19
 - e. 2019-20 to date

3. *For the arrests identified in the answer to Q2a-e, please can you tell me what the outcome of the arrest was (e.g. charged, released on bail, released under investigation etc) with a breakdown by the ethnicity of the alleged victim.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 17 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 sexual offences recorded during the 2015/16 – 2019-20 financial years (to date).

1. The total number of sexual offences recorded by ethnicity, is provided in the table below:

Victim Ethnicity	15-16	16-17	27-18	18-19	19-20
Arabic Or North African	3				
Asian	14	12	13	11	



Black	33	25	27	33	
Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	4	1	8	1	
Middle Eastern				3	
Unknown	1352	797	907	1003	1426
White – North European	1138	806	1122	1274	5
White – South European	23	12	6	6	
Grand Total	2567	1653	2083	2331	1431

Suspect Ethnicity	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
Arabic Or North African	1				
Asian	15	19	22	18	12
Black	69	44	44	52	36
Chinese, Japanese Or Any Other South East Asian	3				
Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian	1	1	5		1
Middle Eastern	7	5	7	6	5
Unknown	1783	939	1197	1313	844
White - North European	674	629	779	909	512
White - South European	14	16	29	33	21
Grand Total	2567	1653	2083	2331	1431

2. The total number of persons arrested for sexual offences is provided in the table below, by ethnicity.

Suspect Ethnicity	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
Asian	3	14	8	12	8
Black	13	24	30	26	12
Chinese, Japanese or South East Asian		2	2	3	
Middle Eastern	3	2	3	3	1
Unknown	27	59	75	60	10
White - North European	246	405	496	586	133
White - South European	9	14	22	25	9
Grand Total	301	520	636	715	173

3. Arrest data only confirms the ethnicity of the suspect, we have therefore provided on the attached spreadsheet, the crime outcomes with the victim's ethnicity and the arrest outcomes with the suspects ethnicity.



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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