

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003899-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 29 October 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

"The number of sexual offences reported at educational institutions (specifically sixth forms, general further education colleges, independent learning providers and university technical colleges) under Suffolk Police's jurisdiction across the last five years since 2015.

If possible, please can this include the categories of rape, attempted rape, assault by penetration, attempted assault by penetration, indecent exposure, unwanted touching, sexual assault, sexual harassment, child prostitution or pornography and voyeurism."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 5 November 2019

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

The Constabulary's crime system only categorises location by 'College/University' or 'School'. As this request relates to further education establishments, we have focused our data to include only those with a location of college/university.

The total number of sexual offences recorded to the Constabulary is provided in the tables below by offence and year. Please note that as a result of a change in crime recording system during October 2015 the information has been presented in two separate tables.

Offence			
Abuse Of Position Of Trust - Causing Or Inciting A Female Child 13-17 To Engage In Sexual Activity - Offender 18 Or Over	1		
Rape Of A Female Aged 16 Or Over	2		
Sexual Assault On A Female	1		
Grand Total	4		

Offence	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Abuse of position of trust: causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity - male child aged 13-17 Suspect aged 18 or over					1
Assault of a male child under 13 by penetration (Indictable)		1			



Assault on a female by penetration (Indictable)				1	
Attempted rape of a male (under 13) (Indictable)			1		
Causing or inciting a female child under 16 to engage in sexual activity No Penetration - Offender Under 18				1	
Exposure	2				
Rape of a female (16 or over) (Indictable)			3	1	1
Rape of a female (under 16) (Indictable)			1		1
Rape of a male (16 or over) (Indictable)					1
Sexual activity with a female child under 16 by Penetration - Offender 18 or over (Indictable)					1
Sexual assault of a female child under 13				1	
Sexual assault on a female		3		2	2
Sexual assault on a male		1			
Sexual assault on a male child under 13			1	1	
Grand Total	2	5	6	7	7

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