



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004057-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 31 October 2018 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many crimes involving 'sex for rent' have been reported to your force in 2016? 2017? 2018? (I.e. where the term 'sex for rent' has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report?)”*
2. *“If possible and within the cost limit, of these reported crimes can I find out how many led to prosecutions, convictions and acquittals (again broken down by year).”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 5 November 2018

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and the response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all offences that contained the words 'sex for rent' within the crime freetext. Noting that freetext searches are by their very nature, unreliable, and there may be additional relevant offences that have not been located owing to this specific phrase not being present.

The total number of offences located is provided in the table below, including the recorded outcome. The information provided excludes non-crime data.

The Constabularies do not hold conviction data and we have therefore provided the recorded outcome as an alternative.

Outcome	2016	2017
Norfolk		
Type 14 – Evidential difficulties – Suspect not identified		1
Type 16 – Named suspect identified – Evidential difficulties	1	
Suffolk		
Type 15 – Named suspect identified – Evidential difficulties		1

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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 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 Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 40 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and 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
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