

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004166-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 12 November 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“For each of the following calendar years a) 2014, b) 2015, c) 2016, d) 2017 and e) 2018 so far, please state:*

- 1. The total number of sexual offences recorded.*
- 2. Of those in Q1, the total number of sexual offences marked with a disability hate crime flag.*
- 3. Of those in Q2, if possible within the time limits, please can you manually review each case to identify how many of these sexual offences involved a victim with a learning disability? (If it is not possible to review each year, please start with 2018 and proceed backwards).”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 12 November 2018

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

1. The total number of sexual offences recorded by the Constabulary for the 2014 – 2018 calendar years is provided in the table below.

The data includes the timeframe 1 January 2014 – 30 September 2018.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Sexual Offences</b>
2014	926
2015	1225
2016	1529
2017	2048
2018	1709

2. Disability hate markers are only available from 19 October 2015 after the introduction of a new crime recording system.

Information concerning the number of offences with a disability hate crime marker is not widely used and therefore the figures provided below will not provide an accurate representation of the information actually held.

The total number of sexual offences that have a disability hate crime marker from 19 October 2015 – 30 September 2018, is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Sexual Offences Disability marker</b>
2014	Not held
19.10 – 31.12.2015	2
2016	8
2017	11
2018	12

3. The total number of those offences above with a disability marker, where the victim has been identified as having a learning disability is provide din the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Sexual Offences learning disability</b>
2014	Not held
19.10 – 31.12.2015	1
2016	5
2017	3
2018	5

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](mailto: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](http://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