



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004303-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 22 November 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“In each of the last three financial years (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17 and (iii) 2017-18 how many allegations of (a) rape and (b) sexual assault did you investigate where you had a suspect who was said to be a "taxi driver", and in how many of those cases was the taxi driver working for Uber?

Please note that I envisage a response that for each financial year will give the total number of (a) rapes and (b) sexual assaults where the suspect was a "taxi driver" as well as how many in both categories were Uber drivers.

By "taxi driver" I mean any licenced or non-licenced taxi or private hire driver.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3 December 2018

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

The Constabulary is unable to provide accurate data concerning employment as the suspect occupation is a non-mandatory field and is not always completed. Therefore to provide the most accurate information, a search has been completed of the Constabulary’s crime system for all sexual offences recorded where the term taxi, Cab or Driver appeared in the crime text. Each was then manually reviewed in order to extract those where the suspect was a taxi driver.

The total number of sexual offences recorded concerning taxi drivers is provided below, noting that there may well be additional offences that we are unable to extract based on the search criteria used.

Offence	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Rape - female over 16 years	1		
Sexual assault	11	10	6
Grand Total	12	10	6

There are no Uber drivers in Suffolk and therefore we hold no information concerning this part of the request.



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
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