



## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 004540-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 11 December 2018 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"Please tell me the number of recorded offences under s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act (Home Office recording code 71/17) recorded between April 1st 2018 and September 30th 2018.*
2. *Where possible I would like to know the age and gender of the victim, broken down into age groups: 11 and under, 12-15.*
3. *Please tell me the age and gender of the youngest victim.*
4. *Please tell me:*
  - a) *all the forms of communication (eg. text message, WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Kik, YouTube/YouTube Kids etc.) that have been recorded as having been used in connection with recorded offences under s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 between April 1st 2018 and September 30th 2018 and;*
  - b) *the number of times each method was recorded.*
5. *Please tell me the largest number of forms of communication (eg. text message, WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Kik, YouTube/YouTube Kids etc) recorded as having been used in connected with a single recorded offence under s.15A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 between April 1st 2018 and September 30th 2018."*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 11 December 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 sexual offences recorded under the Home Office code 71/17, for the time frame 1 April - 30 September 2018.

1. The table provided below confirms the total number of offences recorded during this time frame, including the communication method.

Method	Suffolk	Norfolk
E-Mail	1	
Facebook	8	11
Facetime		2
Fundatecity.Com	1	
lmessage	1	
In Person		2
Instagram	8	14
Just Teens	1	
Kik	1	
Minecraft		2
Not Recorded	5	3
Skype	1	
Snapchat	3	6
Tango	2	
Text Message	1	1
Whatsapp	2	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>

2. The age and gender of the victims, where recorded, are as follows:

Gender	Age Range	Suffolk	Norfolk
<b>Female</b>	11 and Under	2	5
	12-15	23	24
	16-17		1
<b>Male</b>	11 and Under	1	
	12-15		5
<b>Not Recorded</b>	Not Recorded	9	6
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>

3. The age and gender of the youngest victims are as follows:

	Age	Gender
Suffolk	8	Female
Norfolk	10	Female

4. Please refer to the table in question 1.
5. The Constabularies have one communication method recorded in relation to each offence.

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](mailto: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](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  
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