

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004642-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 27 December 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many criminal reports were made in the last five years (2018*, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014) under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 set out below? *up to the latest date you have recordings for*”*

Please break this down by year and say which section was invoked.

Section 47 – Paying for sexual services of a child

Section 48 – Causing or inciting sexual exploitation of a child

Section 49 – Controlling a child in relation to sexual exploitation

Section 50 – Arranging or facilitating sexual exploitation of a child

Section 51A – Soliciting

Section 52 – Causing or inciting prostitution for gain

Section 53 – Controlling prostitution for gain

Section 53A – Paying for sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force etc.

2. *How many of these reports resulted in cautions and charges? Please break this down by year.*
3. *How many reports have been made within your service area in the last five years (2018*,2017,2016,2015,2014) in respect of the offence of keeping a brothel used for prostitution under section 33A of the Sexual Offences Act 1956? Please break this down by year.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14 January 2019

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

1. The total number of offences recorded under the Sexual offences Act 2003, is provided in the table below, by year and offence.

| Full Offence Title | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Arranging or facilitating the sexual exploitation of a child: Child 13 - 17 | | | | | 2 | 1 |

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| Cause or Inciting the sexual exploitation of a child: Child 13 - 17 | | | | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Causing or inciting prostitution for gain | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Controlling prostitution for gain | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 2 |
| Paying for sexual service of a child: Female child under 18 | | | 1 | | 2 | |
| Soliciting another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street or public place | | | | | | 2 |
| Grand Total | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 6 |

2. The number of those offences that resulted in a charge of caution is provided in the table below, noting that some offences will be under investigation.

| Full Offence Title | Outcome | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|---|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Controlling prostitution for gain | Type 3 – Caution | 1 | | |
| Paying for sexual service of a child: Female child under 18 | Type 1 - Charged | | 1 | |
| Soliciting another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street or public place | | | | 1 |
| Grand Total | | 1 | 1 | 1 |

3. The total number of offences recorded by the Constabulary of 'Keeping a brothel used for prostitution' under section 33A of the Sexual Offences Act 1956, is provided in the table below, by year.

| Full Offence Title | 2014 | 2016 |
|---|----------|----------|
| Keeping a brothel used for prostitution | 2 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 2 | 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.

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<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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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