

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 006067-17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 11 August 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“I would like to ask for some information about the child sex offender disclosure scheme, sometimes known as Sarah’s Law.*

*Could I have the information for each year since the scheme was launched – 2011 through to 2016.*

*For each year, could you please tell me:*

- 1. How many formal requests were made to police under the child sex offender disclosure scheme?*
- 2. How many requests resulted in child sex offenders being identified to parents, carers or guardians?*
- 3. If possible, could you say whether any of these resulted in an offender being prosecuted e.g, for breaching their requirements?”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 15 August 2017

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

- The total number of applications received by the Constabulary in respect of the Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme (CSODS) is provided in the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Applications received</b>
2011	31
2012	17
2013	23
2014	22
2015	66
2016	29
2017	36

- The total number of request resulting in child sex offender being identified to the parents, carers or guardians, is as follows:



<b>Year</b>	<b>Child Sex Offender disclosure</b>
2011	1
2012	2
2013	4
2014	2
2015	5
2016	3
2017	0

Please note the above information relates solely to child sex offenders, disclosures are also made regarding other identified concerns.

3. Prosecution data is not held by the Constabulary and should be requested directly from the Crown Prosecution Services. However, information concerning breaches of offender's requirements is not recorded alongside the CSODS application, rather any information held would be recorded within other locations such as call/crime data, requiring a manual review of a number of databases.

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 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 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