

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 006953-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 23 October 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I am writing to request anonymous information about recorded stalking offences where the victim is male.(The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012/Protection from Harassment Act 1997) that have been reported and recorded by your constabulary.

1. *Please could you state the annual total number of offences recorded during the 2014, 2015 and 2016 calendar years.*
2. *Please state the total number of offences recorded during the 2017 calendar year up to October 1 2017.*

I have also attached a request form to provide further breakdown of anonymous individual level data.

For each offence you have recorded in the annual totals, please provide further breakdown using the attached form."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 23 October 2017

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all stalking offences recorded during the 2014 – 2016 calendar years. The Constabulary has focussed it search on the following offences:

- 'Stalking – Pursue course of conduct'
- 'Stalking involving fear of violence'
- 'Stalking involving serious alarm/distress'

The information provided in the table below confirms the gender/age/ethnicity of suspect and victim, and the relationship of victim and offender, where recorded.

Suspect Gender	Victim Ethnicity	Suspect Ethnicity	Victim Age Band	Suspect Age Band	Relationship To Victim
2014					
Male	White British	White British	17-19	16 Or Under	Acquaintance
Male	White British	White British	50-59	50-59	Ex-Partner
Male	White British	White British	40-49	30-39	Ex-Partner
2015					



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Female	White British	Not Recorded	60-69	70-49	Ex-Partner
Female	White British	White British	40-49	Not recorded	Unknown
Male	White British	White & Black Caribbean	20-29	20-29	Acquaintance
Female	White British	White British	16 Or Under	30-39	Son
Male	White British	White British	17-19	30-39	Acquaintance
Male	Any Other Black	White British	30-39	50-59	Ex-Partner
Female	White British	White British	50-59	40-49	Ex-Partner
2016					
Female	White British	Not Recorded	20-29	20-29	Acquaintance
Male	Not Recorded	White British	50-59	16 Or Under	Acquaintance
Male	White British	White British	30-39	40-49	Ex-Partner
Not Recorded	White British	Not Recorded	40-49	Not Recorded	Unknown
Female	Not Recorded	Not Recorded	40-49	40-49	Acquaintance
2017					
Female	White British	White British	30-39	20-29	Ex-Partner
Female	White British	White British	30-39	20-29	Ex-Partner
Not Recorded	White British	Not Recorded	50-59	Not Recorded	Other
Male	Not Recorded	White North European	16 Or Under	16 Or Under	Acquaintance
Female	White British	White British	50-59	60-69	Neighbours
Female	White British	White British	16 Or Under	17-19	Ex-Partner
Female	Not Recorded	Not Recorded	30-39	30-39	Ex-Partner

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.

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*

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
Telephone: 01625 545 700