

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 007710-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 18 December 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I'd like to have the following data from 2011 to 2017 (financial year) broken down by year:

- 1. How many children were abducted by a parent? (Home Office classification 13/1) Please provide this data broken down by:*
 - Age and gender of the victim at the time.*
 - Age, gender and nationality of the parent (please specify if the person has two nationalities).*
 - Name of the country each child has been taken to.*
- 2. How many children were abducted by other persons? (Home Office classification 13/2). Please specify if kidnapper was a relative or an unknown person.*
- 3. How many kidnappings happened (Home Office classification 36) when the victim was aged under 18 at the time? Please specify if kidnapper was a relative or an unknown person."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 21 December 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 offences recorded of false imprisonment, kidnapping or abduction for the 2011/12 – 2016/17 financial years.

Please note that owing to the low numbers involved and the increased risk of individuals being identifying, we have provided the details requested in separate tables.

1. A total of 10 offences have been recorded under home office classification 13/1.

Financial Year	Total
2011/12	3
2012/13	1
2013/14	1
2014/15	1



2016/17	1
2017/18	3

The age and gender of the victims were as follows:

Gender	Total
FEMALE	7
MALE	5

Age	Total
NOT RECORDED	1
0	1
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	1
7	1
9	1
11	2
13	1

The age, gender and nationality of the parents, were as follows:

Gender	Total
FEMALE	7
MALE	3

Age	Total
29	1
32	1
36	1
37	1
38	1
40	1



41	1
42	1
60	1
61	1

Nationality	Total
FRANCE	1
LITHUANIA	1
NOT RECORDED	6
POLAND	1
UNITED KINGDOM	1

The country each child was taken to was as follows:

Country Taken To	Total
AMERICA	1
FRANCE	1
HOLLAND	2
IRELAND	2
LITHUANIA	1
MALAYSIA	1
N/A	1
POLAND	1

2. The total number of offences recorded under home office classification 13/2, is provided below:

Financial Year	Total
2011/12	5
2012/13	2
2013/14	2
2014/15	4
2015/16	8
2016/17	9
2017/18	2

Grand Total	32
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Relationship	Total
NOT RECORDED	24
PARTNER	7
UNCLE	1

3. The total number of kidnapping offences under Home Office classification 36 recorded, where the victim was aged under 18, is as follows:

Financial Year	Total
2011/12	2
2012/13	3
2013/14	1
2014/15	6
2015/16	1
2016/17	9
2017/18	8
Grand Total	30

Relationship	Total
NOT RECORDED	9
PARTNER	4
UNKNOWN TO VICTIM	10
TAXI DRIVER	1
EX PARTNER	2
FATHER	4

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
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