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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003396-20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 9 October 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many children in Suffolk were reported missing in 2017,2018 & 2019?”*
2. *How many of these reported missing children returned safe and well?*
3. *How many of these missing children from Suffolk are still missing?*
4. *How many missing children cases are still unresolved in the UK to date?*
5. *How many modern day slave reports have you had in Suffolk in the years 2017,2018 & 2019?*
6. *How many of these modern day slave reports involved children?*
7. *How many human trafficking reports have you had In Suffolk in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
8. *How many of these human trafficking reports on involved children?*
9. *How many people were arrested for causing or allowing the death or physical harm to a child in Suffolk in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
10. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 5 of the Domestic violence & victims act 2004 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
11. *How many people in SUFFOLK were convicted of these charges in the years 2017, 2018, 2019?*
12. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for child cruelty, neglect and/or violence in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
13. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged with section 1(1) of the children and young person act 1993 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
14. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged with section 1(2) of the children and young person act 1993 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*



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15. *How many people in Suffolk were convicted of either of the above offences in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
16. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for child abduction in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
17. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 1 of the child abduction act 1984 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
18. *How many people in SUFFOLK were convicted of the above charges in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
19. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 2 of the child abduction act 1984 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
20. *How many people in SUFFOLK were convicted of the above charges in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
21. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for sexual assault of a child under 13 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
22. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 7 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
23. *How many of these were convicted?*
24. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for rape of a child under 13 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
25. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 5 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
26. *How many of these were convicted?*
27. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for assault of a child by penetration in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
28. *How many people In SUFFOLK were charged under section 6 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
29. *How many of these were convicted?*



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30. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
31. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 8 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
32. *How many of these were convicted?*
33. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for sexual activity with a child in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
34. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 9 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
35. *How many of these were convicted?*
36. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
37. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 10 of the sexual offences in act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
38. *How many of these were convicted?*
39. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
40. *How many of these people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 11 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
41. *How many of these were convicted?*
42. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for arranging and/or facilitating a child sex offence in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
43. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 14 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
44. *How many if these were convicted?*
45. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for meeting a child following sexual grooming in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*



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46. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 15 (as amended) of the sexual offences act 2003?*
47. *How many of these were convicted?*
48. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for indecent photos of children in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
49. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 45 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
50. *How many were convicted?*
51. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged under section 46 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
52. *How many were convicted?*
53. *How many people in SUFFOLK were arrested for abuse of a child through pornography or prostitution in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
54. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged with section 47 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
55. *How many of these were convicted?*
56. *How many people in SUFFOLK were charged with section 50 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019?*
57. *How many of these were convicted?*
58. *The principle: Notification of the agent is notification of the organism & notification of the organism is notification of the agent applies.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 6 November 2020

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

The Constabulary is unable to confirm the number of children, who went missing during 2017 – 2019, that were returned safe and well and the numbers that are still missing. This is due to the way in which the data is downloaded from the system. We can extract the number of found and



open cases, but this does not correlate to the number of missing person reports. To extract this data would require each missing report to be reviewed to establish whether the case is open or has been closed and the outcome of the case.

Considering there are nearly 1000 children each year, it would take well in excess of 18 hours to extract the information requested.

Additionally, the Constabulary has encountered a number of difficulties extracting data for some of the questions and these have not been answered for the reasons stated below.

With regards to question 7, the Constabulary does not have a separate crime category for Human Trafficking, this falls under a number of crime categories, including modern day slavery and violence without injury offences, which brought back a total of 147 crimes. Each would need to be reviewed to establish whether they relate to human trafficking, where known. It will not be clear in some cases whether this is the case and therefore even if we did review each crime, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the data provided.

Regarding question 9, we are unable to determine specifically the terminology used as 'physical harm' as this could come under a wide range of Offence titles but being arrested for 'causing or allowing the death of a child' has been provided.

Regarding questions 13 and 14, it is not possible to determine whether the suspect was charged under different sections of the Children and Young person act 1993 as this would involve case reading each arrest. However, the charge for the arrest of 'child cruelty and/or neglect' has been provided.

Regarding questions 16, 17, and 19, we are only able to provide data under the title of 'abduction' and as such cannot guaranteed that all abductions are of children as this would involve case reading each relevant offence.

Regarding questions 36 and 37, we are unable to provide the specific details of whether a suspect was arrested for 'causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity'. We can provide data of causing or inciting sexual activity but not specifically with the victim being a child as this would involve case reading each relevant offence.

Regarding question 45 and 46, we are only able to provide data regarding 'Sexual Grooming' but not whether a suspect was arrested for meeting a child following 'Sexual Grooming'. This would involve case reading each relevant offence.

Regarding question 49, 51, 54 and 56, we are unable to provide the data specific to the sections of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 requested as this would involve case reading each offence.



Given the above, the Constabulary would require a substantial amount of time to collate all of the information requested in this FOI and consequently, the response has been refused under Section 12 of the Act.

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: "...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit." The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the 'appropriate limit' for the Suffolk Constabulary as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting all information your request is too broad to be complied with within the £450 limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

The number of children in Suffolk reported missing in 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

People aged 0 – 17 reported missing in 2017: 897 people accounting for 2809 cases
People aged 0 – 17 reported missing in 2018: 844 people accounting for 2895 cases
People aged 0 – 17 reported missing in 2019: 711 people accounting for 2527 cases

The number of recorded found reports for the years 2017-2019, is as follows, noting that this data does not necessarily relate to those missing person cases reported above.



2017: 2804 found reports for children aged 0 – 17

2018: 2879 found reports for children aged 0 – 17

2019: 2532 found reports for children aged 0 – 17

The number of modern day slavery offences recorded is provided below, including whether the reports involved children.

Modern Slavery	Total	Involving children*
2017	26	11
2018	66	22
2019	50	18

* The figures for children is also included within the total figure.

The information provided below relates to arrest data as opposed to offence data, therefore please note that should an individual be charged for an offence and not previously arrested, this will not be included below.

One person has been arrested for 'Cause/allow the death of a child', which was during 2019. This resulted in no charge.

The number of persons arrested for the offence of 'Child – Cruelty to / Neglect of', is as follows:

	2017	2018	2019
Child - Cruelty to / Neglect of	20	24	19

The number of people charged with section 1(1) and section 1(2) of the children and young person act 1993 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

	2017	2018	2019
Child - Cruelty to / Neglect of	1	2	1

The number of people arrested for child abduction in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

Offence title	2017	2018	2019
Abduction	7	4	6
Child - Cruelty to / Neglect of	20	24	19
Grand Total	27	28	25



The number of people charged under section 1 of the child abduction act 1984 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

Offence	2017	2018	2019
Abduction	3	1	2
Child - Cruelty to / Neglect of	1	2	1
Grand Total	4	3	3

The number of people arrested for sexual assault of a child under 13 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

Offence title	2017	2018	2019
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	33	23	16
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	6	2	8
Grand Total	39	25	24

The number of people charged under section 7 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

Offence	2017	2018	2019
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	4	3	1
Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13			1
Grand Total	4	3	2

The number of people arrested for rape of a child under 13 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

Offence title	2017	2018	2019
Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	19	26	16
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	5	3	9
Grand Total	24	29	25

The number of people charged under section 5 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

Offence	2017	2018	2019
Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	1	2	
Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	1		2



Grand Total	2	2	2
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The number of people arrested for causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is provided below. None of these arrested resulted in a charge.

Offence title	2017	2018	2019
Causing Sexual Activity Without Consent	2	5	2

The number of people arrested for sexual activity with a child in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

Offence title	2017	2018	2019
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	12	13	18
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	16	12	20
Grand Total	28	25	38

The number of people charged under section 9 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follow:

Offence	2017	2018	2019
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13		1	1
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	2		1
Grand Total	2	1	2

The number of people arrested for meeting a child following sexual grooming in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

Offence	2017	2018	2019
Sexual Grooming	13	25	10

The number of people charged under section 15 (as amended) of the sexual offences act 2003, is as follows:

Offence	2017	2018	2019
Sexual Grooming	4	5	1

The number of people arrested for indecent photos of children in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:



Offence title	2017	2018	2019
Child - Indecent Images	103	160	111

The number of people charged under section 45 and section 46 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

Offence	2017	2018	2019
Child - Indecent Images	19	4	4

The number of people arrested for abuse of a child through pornography or prostitution in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019, is as follows:

There were no charges recorded for persons arrested under section 47 or section 50 of the sexual offences act 2003 in the years 2017, 2018 & 2019.

Offence title	2019
Abuse Of Children Through Prostitution and Pornography	1

Please note that the Constabulary does not hold conviction data.

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:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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