

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004236-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 21 November 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

“How many non-crime hate incidents have been recorded by your force in each year from 2014 to 2019 inclusive?”

I understand non-crime hate incidents are recorded through the ‘Hate Crime Operational Guidance (HCOG)’ issued by the College of Policing.

According to the guidance, a non-crime hate incident is an incident which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards one of the following: disability; race; religion; transgender identity and sexual orientation.”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3 December 2019

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 non-crime hate incidents during the time frame 1 January 2015 – 30 September 2019.

The information provided below confirms the total number of non-crime hate incidents recorded during the calendar years requested. Please note that with the exception of the 2019 figure, the information excludes disability hate crime incidents as the data is currently being ratified to ensure accuracy.

Year	Non Crime Hate Incidents
2014	122
2015	68
2016	73
2017	126
2018	112
2019 to Sep	78



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 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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700