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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001125/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 16th March 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

I am writing to obtain documents from you relating to hate crime in Norfolk and Suffolk. I would like to find out the following:

- I Number of hate crimes committed against the Chinese and Asian community since December 1, 2019 to today - March 16
- II This number to be broken down by months? December to March
- III What types of hate crime? See categories below.
 - Verbal abuse like name-calling and offensive jokes
 - Harassment
 - Bullying or intimidation by children, adults, neighbours or strangers
 - Physical attacks such as hitting, punching, pushing, spitting
 - Threats of violence
 - Hoax calls, abusive phone or text messages, hate mail
 - Online abuse on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram
 - Displaying discriminatory literature or posters
 - Harm or damage to things such as your home, pet or vehicle
 - Graffiti
 - Arson
 - Throwing rubbish into a garden
 - Malicious complaints over things such as parking, smells and other behaviour
- IV How many fell into each category?
- V How many have been referred to the CPS?
- VI Which ones were referred?

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 20th March 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below.

Research has been undertaken of recorded hate crimes where the victim ethnicity or self-defined ethnicity is either Asian or South East Asian. It should be noted that these relate to all hate strands and are not limited to race, for example it will also include disability, sexual orientation, etc.

It should also be noted that the ethnicity is not a mandatory field and there are 180 crimes where this is not recorded. The below therefore may not be an accurate reflection of crimes against members of the Chinese or Asian community.

A breakdown by month and offence type is provided below:

Year / Month / Offence	Norfolk	Suffolk
2019		
December	7	6
HARASSMENT	1	
PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS	1	1
RACE OR RELIGIOUS AGG PUBLIC FEAR	2	5
RACE OR RELIGIOUSLY AGG ASSAULT WITH INJ	1	
THREATS TO KILL	2	
2020		
January	7	12
ATTEMPT BURG - BUS AND COM		1
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	1	
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A DWELLING		1
HARASSMENT	1	1
MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS	1	1
RACE OR RELIGIOUS AGG PUBLIC FEAR	4	4
RACE OR RELIGIOUSLY AGG ASSAULT NO INJ		1
RACE OR RELIGIOUSLY AGG ASSAULT WITH INJ		3
February	12	11
ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	1	
HARASSMENT	1	
MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS		2
OTHER THEFT	1	
RACE OR RELIGIOUS AGG PUBLIC FEAR	9	9
March	5	4
ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	1	
HARASSMENT		1
MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS	1	
PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS	1	
RACE OR RELIGIOUS AGG PUBLIC FEAR	1	2
RACE OR RELIGIOUSLY AGG ASSAULT NO INJ		1
ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	1	
Total	31	33

Of the above, 6 crimes in Norfolk are still under investigation. In Suffolk there are 7 crimes.

After reviewing each crime in the table above, 3 in Norfolk have been referred to the CPS and 4 in Suffolk. The offences are provided below:

Offence	Norfolk	Suffolk
THREATS TO KILL	1	
PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS		1
RACE OR RELIGIOUS AGG PUBLIC FEAR	2	2
RACE OR RELIGIOUSLY AGG ASSAULT WITH INJ		1