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CONSTABULARY  
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April 2016

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 001169/16**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

I am writing to you today to ask via FOI the number of sexual assault cases that are reported to you in 2014, also 2015 and any data that is on 2016.

The specific information I am after is broken down-

The age groups of the people reporting the crime <18 18-21 22-31 32- 41 42- 51 52-61 and 61+

The sexual orientation of the people reporting the crime gay, straight, bisexual, no given or other

The victims gender as defined by them. Male or female

The (alleged) attackers gender. Male or female.

Convictions made. Went to court, did not go to court, not enough evidence. Convicted of crime other

The amount of cases reported to you that happened over 2 years ago now being reported.

And what was the time frame on average of reporting to going to court?

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

**Response to your Request**

When responding to a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, a public authority is not obliged to provide information if the authority estimates that the cost of the retrieval of the information requested would be in excess of £450 (equivalent to 18 hours work).

The costs criteria relates to a request in its entirety, which means that if we cannot retrieve *all* of the information requested within the costs limit, we are not obliged to retrieve *any* of the information requested.

The Norfolk Constabulary estimates that to retrieve all the information you have requested would exceed cost in excess of £450.

In order to establish what information is held by the Constabulary which is relevant to your request, we have contacted the Joint Performance and Analysis Department. They have undertaken research of the Constabulary's crime databases and identified 1,280 recorded crimes which relate to offences of Sexual Assault. There is no specific field within the crime systems to record the sexual orientation of those involved. This information may be recorded within freetext fields of the

crime records. Therefore to provide these details, where recorded, it would be necessary to manually review each crime report.

To individually review over 1,200 crime reports, based on a minimum of just 5 minutes each, would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information request, in terms of cost, and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 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 2004, defines the ‘appropriate limit’ for the Norfolk 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 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

#### Advice and Assistance

Although excess cost removes the Constabulary’s obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relevant to your request, which was 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 following information has been extracted from the Constabulary’s crime systems by the Joint Performance and Analysis Department. The information is based on recorded crimes where the offence is a Sexual Assault.

The Constabulary introduced a new crime system called Athena on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Please be aware that the information provided in the tables, for Athena, below is subject to change as processes are amended to ensure accurate and precise crime recording.

#### CIS

Year	Number of Crimes
2014	511
2015	511
Grand Total	1022

#### Athena

Year	Number of Crimes
2014	1
2015	123
2016	134
Grand Total	258

The following tables provide a breakdown of victims ages, as at the time of reporting an offence.

CIS

Year and Age Group	Number of Crimes
2014	
Under 18	244
18-21	63
22-31	79
32-41	37
42-51	32
52-61	17
61 and over	39
2015	
Under 18	203
18-21	77
22-31	97
32-41	41
42-51	43
52-61	20
61 and over	30
Grand Total	1022

Athena

Year and Age Group	Number of Crimes
2014	
22-31	1
2015	
Under 18	60
18-21	18
22-31	11
32-41	6
42-51	6
52-61	4
61 and over	9
Unknown	9
2016	
Under 18	50
18-21	19
22-31	22
32-41	11
42-51	10
52-61	4
61 and over	9
Unknown	9
Grand Total	258

Please see below the gender breakdown of the victims.

CIS

Year and Gender	Number of Crimes
2014	
Female	430
Male	81
2015	
Female	427
Male	84
Grand Total	1022

Athena

Year and Gender	Number of Crimes
2014	
Male	1
2015	
Female	96
Male	20
Not Recorded	7
2016	
Female	102
Male	25
Not Recorded	7
Grand Total	258

Please see below the gender breakdown of the offenders.

CIS

Year and Gender	Number of Crimes
2014	
Female	6
Male	173
No offender	332
2015	
Female	3
Male	135
No offender	373
Grand Total	1022

Athena

Year and Gender	Number of Crimes
2014	
Male	1
2015	

Female	5
Male	94
No offender	20
Not Recorded	4
2016	
Female	3
Male	107
No offender	19
Not Recorded	5
Grand Total	258

Conviction data is held by the HM Courts and Tribunals Service. We have provided below crime outcomes.

### CIS

The below refers to crimes which were detected.

Year and Outcome	Number of Crimes
2014	
01. Charged/Summons	166
02. Caution-Youths	1
03. Caution-Adults	5
05. The offender has died (all offences)	2
08.2. Extended Professional Judgement	5
2015	
01. Charged/Summons	115
02. Caution-Youths	2
03. Caution-Adults	10
05. The offender has died (all offences)	6
08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	4
12. Suspect is too ill to prosecute	1
Grand Total	317

### Athena

The below relates to investigations which have been filed.

Year and Outcome	Number of Crimes
2014	
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	1
2015	
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	17
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	2
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based-Named Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	4

Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	25
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	16
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	8
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	8
Type 3 - Caution Adult	2
Type 5 - Offender has died	1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	4
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)	3
2016	
Not Recorded	3
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	8
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	1
Type 12 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	6
Type 13 - Prosecution Prevented-Named Suspect Identified But Victim Or Key Witness Is Dead Or Too Ill To Give Evidence	1
Type 14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based-Named Suspect Not Identified: Crime Confirmed But The Victim Either Declines Or Unable To Support Further Police Investigation To Identify The Offender	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	4
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	11
Type 18 - Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	10
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	5
Type 3 - Caution Adult	2
Type 4 - TIC - Taken into Consideration	5
Type 5 - Offender has died	1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1
Grand Total	150

The Constabulary does not hold the average time frame with regard to an offence being reporting to it going to court.