



**NORFOLK**  
CONSTABULARY  
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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 003970/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 The total number of cyberstalking incidents investigated by your force from January 2016 – December 2016.
- 2 The number of cyberstalking incidents investigated by your force, year on year, since January 2012:
  - A January 2015 – December 2015
  - B January 2014 – December 2014
  - C January 2013 – December 2013
  - D January 2012 – December 2012
- 3 The number of cyberstalking cases (January 2016 – December 2016) in which the perpetrator(s) is identified.
- 4 The number of cyberstalking cases (January 2016 – December 2016) which resulted in a prosecution.
- 5 The percentage of cyberstalking cases (January 2016 – December 2016) which resulted in a guilty verdict.
- 6 The average sentence for a cyberstalking conviction.

Please note, for the purposes of this request I am defining cyberstalking as:

The course of conduct by which one person repeatedly inflicts on another unwanted intrusions to such an extent that the recipient fears for his or her safety, through the use of – but not limited to – online communications.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

**Response to your Request**

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes for the offence of stalking which also have a cyber indicator or includes 'cyber enabled' or 'online crime'.

Q1 This research has identified 6 crimes between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Q2 No relevant crimes have been identified between 2012 and 2015.

Q3 Please see suspect status below for the 6 recorded crimes:-

<b>Suspect Status</b>	<b>Number of Investigations</b>
SUSPECT (ELIMINATED)	1
SUSPECT (INTERVIEWED)	2
SUSPECT (NO ACTION) EVIDENTIAL DIFF.	2
SUSPECT (NOT INTERVIEWED)	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>

Q4 Please see below crime outcomes:-

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Number of Investigations</b>
Not Recorded	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	3
Type 16 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	1
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>

Q5/6 The Constabulary does not hold statistical information regarding court outcomes.