

December 2016

## Freedom of Information Request Reference No: FOI 004421/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- How many offences your force has recorded where the key term "Grindr" has been use? (ie where the term Grindr has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2014? 2015? 2016?
- How many offences your force has recorded where the key term "Tinder" has been use? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2014? In 2015? In 2016?
- How many offences your force has recorded where the key term "dating app" has been use? (ie where the term dating app has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2014? In 2015? In 2016?
- If it falls within the cost limit, can I have the details of the types of offences involving Grindr and/or Tinder and/or dating app recorded by your force (e.g. sex assault, robbery), and numbers for each type?

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

## **Response to your Request**

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

The Joint Performance and Analysis Department has undertaken research of recorded crimes using the keywords of 'Tinder', 'Grindr' and 'dating app'. Please note the crimes have not been reviewed in order to establish the context of the inclusion of the keyword.

Keyword	Count of Crime Reference Number			
	2014	2015	2016	Grand Total
dating app	0	1	2	3
Grindr	0	0	0	0
Tinder	0	3	8	11
Grand Total	0	4	10	14

Crimes including 'dating app'	Count of Crime Reference Number	
Arranging or facilitating child prostitution or pornography: Child under 13	1	
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious  Communications Act 1988	2	
Grand Total	3	

Crimes including 'Tinder'	Count of Crime Reference Number
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1988	2
Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)	1
Rape of female (16 or over) (Indictable)	3
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety, Malicious Communications Act 1989	1
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	1
Sexual assault on a female	1
Take or to make or to distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs, of children	2
Grand Total	11

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