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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 004424/16**

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:

- Please could you give me figures of how many sexual offences crimes were recorded where the suspects were under 16 in the past five years
- with a yearly breakdown
  - breakdown of 0-10yrs old (with youngest age named), 11-12yrs, 13-15yrs
  - breakdown for sexting, sexual assault, rape
  - breakdown of male and female
  - how many charges were brought, and of these how many led to convictions?

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 following information has been extracted from the crime systems by the Joint Performance and Analysis Department. The figures refer to crimes where a named suspect or offender has been detailed on the crime and has a date of birth which makes them aged under 16 at the time of the incident. The details have been provided by crime banding. You will see that there are some different crime bandings from 2015, this is due to a new crime database being introduced in October 2015.

No child under the age of ten years can be guilty of an offence and therefore no formal action can be taken against them.

Within the results of our research, there were some suspects and offenders who were aged '0'. These have been reviewed and where possible the correct age has been identified and included in the response if under 16.

Q1

|                             | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Sexual Offence Crimes | 61   | 79   | 137  | 162  | 244  |

Q2

| Age Band | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0-10     | 2    | 1    | 13   | 29   | 28   |
| 11-12    | 12   | 13   | 27   | 12   | 34   |
| 13-15    | 47   | 65   | 97   | 121  | 182  |

|          | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Youngest | 8    | 9    | 5    | 4    | 5    |

| Gender | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Male   | 58   | 71   | 122  | 137  | 212  |
| Female | 3    | 8    | 15   | 25   | 32   |

Q3

| Offence Type   | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Assault of a Child   | 1    | 3    | -    | 3    | 2    |
| Assault on a female  | -    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 4    |
| Attempted – causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity | -    | -    | -    | -    | 2    |
| Attempted Rape   | -    | 1    | 4    | 2    | 6    |
| Blackmail  | -    | -    | -    | -    | 1    |
| Causing a Child to watch a sexual act                                | 1    | -    | 2    | 2    | 3    |
| Causing a person to engage in a sexual activity without consent      | -    | -    | -    | 1    | -    |
| Causing/inciting a child to engage in sexual activity                | 2    | 2    | 12   | 22   | 31   |
| Committing an offence with intent to commit a sexual offence         | -    | -    | -    | 1    | -    |
| Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child               | -    | 1    | 1    | -    | -    |
| Exposure   | 4    | -    | 3    | -    | 3    |
| Intercourse with an animal   | -    | 1    | -    | -    | -    |
| Rape   | 11   | 25   | 20   | 29   | 40   |
| Sexual Activity  | 10   | 22   | 60   | 44   | 66   |
| Sexual activity with a child family member                           | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3    |
| Sexual Assault   | 32   | 23   | 33   | 56   | 81   |
| Take or to make or to distribute indecent images                     | -    | -    | -    | -    | 2    |
| Victim (3 <sup>rd</sup> party) not confirmed or not traced           | -    | -    | -    | 1    | -    |
| Voyeurism  | -    | -    | 1    | -    | -    |

|                      | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Charged/<br>Summoned | 6    | 11   | 13   | 15   | 6    |

Statistical information regarding convictions is held by the HM Courts & Tribunals Service.