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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004702/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 25th April 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many people have been charged with malicious communication in the last three years?
- 2 How many of these 'malicious communication' charges were as a result of abuse made online?

I would like this information sent to me digitally, by email. As it is mid-year, I would like the figures broken down by month from January 2014, with the total for each year at the bottom, and then for 2017 up until April 30.

Date range is Jan 2014 to April 30, 2017.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 16th May 2017

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

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes for offences which fall under Malicious Communications. Please note – this did not become a recordable offence until 2015. Only those resulting in a charge have been included in the figures provided below:-

Q1

Year, Month & Outcome	Count of Crime Number
2015	
February	1
01. Charged/Summons	1
April	6
01. Charged/Summons	6
May	2
01. Charged/Summons	2
June	2
01. Charged/Summons	2
July	6
01. Charged/Summons	6
August	9

01. Charged/Summons	9
September	17
01. Charged/Summons	17
October	4
01. Charged/Summons	4
2017	
April	6
Type 1 - Charged/Summonsed/Postal Requisition	5
Type 1A - Charged/Summons - alternate offence. Offender has been charged under the alternate offence rule.	1
Grand Total	53

Q2 Each of the above crime reports have been reviewed to see if any refer to online abuse. Where the crime refers to messages it is not always clear if these are online. The below figures include where the crime refers to sites such as Facebook or applications such as WhatsApp or where the cyber indicator has been selected.

Year	Number Online
2015	10
2017	1