



**NORFOLK**  
CONSTABULARY  
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June 2017

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 004864/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many reports of stalking have you received in each of the last five years?
- 2 How many people have been charged and prosecuted for stalking in the policing area in each of the last five years?
- 3 How many reports of harassment have you received in each of the last five years?
- 4 How many people have been charged and prosecuted for harassment offences in the policing area in each of the last five years?
- 5 The results of any other similar FOI requests

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

Due to the information you have requested, research has been undertaken of recorded crimes rather than incidents. The incident recording database would not provide you with the number of people who have been charged or prosecuted. Therefore the figures provided will not necessarily reflect the full number of reports to the Constabulary.

The Crimsec3 Banding of 8Q Stalking and 8L Harassment has been researched. Please note this will therefore **exclude**:

008/56: Racially or religiously aggravated Harassment or stalking without violence

008/58: Racially or religiously aggravated Harassment or stalking with fear of violence

As these fall into Crim Sec 3 Banding: 9B Racially or religiously aggravated public fear, alarm or distress

This can be broken down into the following crime codes/type.

**8L Harassment:**

008/29 - Breach of Conditions of Injunction Against Harassment

008/30 - Putting People in Fear of Violence

008/31 - Breach of a Restraining Order

008/71 - Disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress

008/72 - Sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety - *please note this has been expired and is not for use after 31/03/17*

125/68 - Harassment etc. of a person in his home

195/94 - Harassment

**8Q Stalking:**

008/65 - Stalking in Fear of Violence

008/66 - Stalking involving serious alarm/distress

195/12 - Pursue of conduct in breach of sec1 (1) which amounts to stalking

Please note, the rise in numbers from 2015 is as a result of a change in the counting rules for Section 2 and 3 Harassment offences in April 2015.

Officers have also received additional training and guidance regarding offences of Stalking and Harassment to ensure that such offences are correctly identified and recorded. There have also been campaigns to raise public awareness and give victims confidence to report offences to the Constabulary.

#### Q1

Year	Number of Stalking Offences
2012	0
2013	12
2014	41
2015	43
2016	59
Total	155

#### Q2

Year	Stalking Offences – Number Charged
2012	0
2013	9
2014	18
2015	18
2016	15
Total	60

#### Q3

Year	Number of Harassment Offences
2012	335
2013	375
2014	731
2015	1628
2016	2131
Total	5200

#### Q4

Year	Harassment Offences – Number Charged
2012	191
2013	237
2014	341
2015	355
2016	296
Total	1420

Q5 Previous responses are published on the Norfolk Constabulary Disclosure Logs. These can be accessed via the link provided below. Relevant responses would be under the category 'Crimes & Incidents'.

<http://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means, in this case via the Norfolk Constabulary website; therefore in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.