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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 004868/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- Q1 How many crimes were recorded by the force in the listed years below relating to the offence of 'meeting a child following sexual grooming'?
- Q2 How many PPA (people proceeded against) were recorded by the force for the offence 'meeting a child following sexual grooming'?
- Q3 How many of the cases in Q2 ('PPA') used evidence supplied by members of the public who had posed as children?
- 2014  
2015  
2016  
2017 (year to date)
- OR, IF YOU RECORD DATA APRIL TO MARCH
- 2014/15  
2015/16  
2016/17

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

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

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes in relation to sexual grooming and has identified the following offences:-

Offence	2014	2015	2016	2017
Meeting A Male Child Following Sexual Grooming Etc. (Offender Aged 18 Or Over & Victim Is Under 16)	2	-	-	-
Meeting A Female Child Following Sexual Grooming Etc. (Offender Aged 18 Or Over & Victim Is Under 16)	8	7	-	-
Meeting (or attempting to meet) a female child following sexual grooming etc (Offender is aged 18 or over and victim is under 16)	-	2	6	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

Outcome	2014	2015	2016	2017
Type 1 - Charged/Summoned/Postal Requisition	5	4	1	-
03. Caution-Adults	1	-	-	-
02. Caution-Youths	-	2	-	-
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	-	-	1	-

15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	4	1	-	
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	-	-	-	2
16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	-	2	-	-
Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency subject to the victim (or person acting on their behalf) being made aware of the act to be taken	-	-	1	-
Under Investigation	-	-	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

Of the above cases, excluding those still under investigation, one case in 2016 referred to an adult member of the public posing as a child. 2 cases in 2015 referred to an adult member of the public posing as a child.