



September 2017

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 006103/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many harassment offences were reported to your police force in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and so far in 2017?
- 2 If possible could you tell me how many of these harassment offences were "cyber enabled" for each year?
- 3 How many malicious communications offences were reported to your police force in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and so far in 2017?
- 4 If possible could you tell me how many of these malicious communications were "cyber enabled" for each year?

**Response to your Request**

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

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

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes relating to the following Harassment Offences:-

- 008/29 - Breach Of Conditions Of Injunction Against Harassment
- 008/30 – Putting People In Fear Of Violence
- 008/31 – Breach Of A Restraining Order
- 125/68 – Harassment Etc. Of A Person In His Home
- 195/94 – Harassment

The following codes have been used to research Malicious Communications offences:-

- 008/71 – Disclose Private Sexual Photographs With Intent To Cause Distress
- 008/72 – Sending Letter Etc, With Intent To Cause Distress Or Anxiety

Q1 Harassment Offences (not including 008/71 & 008/72)

Year	Grand Total
2012	335
2013	375
2014	731
2015	947
2016	1027
2017 - until 31/08/17	787
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4202</b>

Q2 Cyber-enabled Harassment Offences

Please note – the cyber indicator was not used until 2014, however, some data has been backdated. Therefore the data will not be an accurate reflection of the number of crimes with an online element.

Year	Grand Total
2012	0
2013	3
2014	23
2015	46
2016	94
2017 - until 31/08/17	69
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>235</b>

Q3 Malicious Communications Offences (008/71 & 008/72)

Year	Grand Total
2015	680
2016	1103
2017 - until 31/08/17	1107
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2890</b>

Q4 Cyber-enabled Malicious Communications Offences (008/71 & 008/72)

Year	Grand Total
2015	117
2016	284
2017 - until 31/08/17	268
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>669</b>