



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**REQUEST NUMBER:** F-2008-04229

### REQUEST DETAILS:

- 1) a) The total number of homophobic hate crimes reported to you in the last year  
b) The last three years
- 2) a) The total number of those hate crimes that were reported to the Crown Prosecution Service in the last year  
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### RESPONSE:

#### Point One

Please find below the number of homophobic hate crimes recorded by Suffolk Constabulary in each of the last three financial years:

2005/2006	-	53
2006/2007	-	68
2007/2008	-	32

#### Point Two

In accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for this part of your request on the basis that Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you have requested in a retrievable format.

The data is not easily extractable from a central database or held in a spreadsheet. In order to comply with your request, Suffolk Constabulary would need to manually view all crime reports relating to homophobic hate crimes recorded in the last three financial years, to ascertain the number of crimes referred to the Crown Prosecution Service. This equates to all 153 crime reports. This process would take many hours, and there would be no guarantee that once the information has been collated, it would be accurate or complete.

The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond. The cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as states in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.



# SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

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To assist with this part of your request, you may wish to contact the Crown Prosecution Service direct using the following email address:

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