

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000247-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 10 January 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“Initial assessment of risk in missing persons cases by gender, age group and ethnicity*

*I am writing to request information about the level of risk assigned to missing person’s cases on the initial report in your police force area. I would like to be provided with data for calendar year 2016, 1st January - 31st December inclusive. I am interested in identifying the level of risk initially assigned to cases i.e. no apparent risk (absent), low risk, medium risk and high risk and having this data broken down by gender, age group and ethnicity.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 21 January 2018

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

A search has been completed of the missing persons database (COMPACT) for all missing person cases recorded for the 2016 calendar year.

The information provided in the table below confirms the total number of missing person cases concerning persons aged 17 and under, by gender, risk level and ethnicity.

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Initial Risk Level</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Chinese, Japanese or SE Asian</b>	<b>Middle Eastern</b>	<b>White North European</b>	<b>White South European</b>
<b>Male</b>	High	5	13	1	4	194	15
	Medium	4	15	1	7	198	16
	Low	0	2	1	3	46	3
	No apparent risk	1	1	0	0	31	2
<b>Female</b>	High	4	11	0	1	191	10
	Medium	4	10	0	1	158	13
	Low	2	0	0	0	30	2
	No apparent risk	0	2	1	0	17	1

Please note:

During 2016 there were 585 males aged 0-17 reported missing. The total in the above boxes amounts to 563. This would suggest that 22 males were recorded without an ethnic appearance when initially recorded as missing.

During 2016 there were 483 females aged 0-17 reported missing, which differs to the total in the above boxes of 458. This would suggest that 25 females were recorded without an ethnic appearance when initially recorded as missing.

The information provided in the table below confirms the total number of missing person cases concerning persons aged 18 and over, by gender, risk level and ethnicity.

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Initial Risk Level</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Chinese, Japanese or SE Asian</b>	<b>Middle Eastern</b>	<b>White North European</b>	<b>White South European</b>
<b>Male</b>	High	1	6	1	1	170	5
	Medium	1	7	0	1	197	10
	Low	0	2	0	1	96	3
	No apparent risk	2	0	0	0	20	1
<b>Female</b>	High	4	4	4	0	142	4
	Medium	3	4	3	1	137	10
	Low	0	3	1	0	52	3
	No apparent risk	0	0	0	0	10	0

Please note:

During 2016 there were 561 males aged 18 and over reported missing. The total in the above boxes amounts to 525. This would suggest that 36 males were recorded without an ethnic appearance when initially recorded as missing.

During 2016 there were 407 females aged 18 and over reported missing which differs to the total in the above boxes of 385. This would suggest that 22 females were recorded without an ethnic appearance when initially recorded as missing.

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<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>



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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the  
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
Information Management Department  
Suffolk Constabulary  
Police Headquarters  
Martlesham Heath  
Ipswich  
Suffolk  
IP5 3QS  
OR  
Email: [information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Telephone: 01625 545 700