



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000711-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 19 February 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"How many offences involving knives or bladed instruments were recorded between 1 January 2018 and 18 February 2018?"*
2. *Please list the names, gender and ages (if known) of any victims of homicide involving knives or bladed instruments during the above period.*
3. *Please state the overall number of victims, of any severity of injury, of knives or bladed instruments during that period.*
4. *Please group the victims in question 3 into age ranges (12 and under, 13 to 16, 17 to 19, 20 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39 and 40 and over) and gender."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 6 March 2018

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and our response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabularies crime system for all 'Violence against the Person' and 'Possession of Weapons' offences reported to the Constabulary during January and February 2018.

Information has then been filtered to include only those that refer to the use of a Knife, Knives, Blade, Razor, Axe, Scissors, Sword or Machete.

1. The total number of offences recorded, was as follows:

Norfolk			
Method Used	January	February	Total
Blade	5	7	12
Knife	43	37	80

Machete		1	1
Sword		1	1
Grand Total	48	46	94

Suffolk			
Method Used	January	February	Total
Blade	1	6	7
Knife	21	23	44
Razor	1		1
Grand Total	23	29	52

- The have been no homicides during this period concerning knives or bladed instruments.
- The total number of victims, by age groups, are as follows:

Norfolk				
Victim Gender	Age Range	January	February	Total
Female	17 - 19 Years Old	1	2	3
	25 - 29 Years Old	1	1	2
	30 - 34 Years Old	1		1
	35 - 39 Years Old	1		1
	40 Years Old +		2	2
Male	13 - 16 Years Old	1	1	2
	17 - 19 Years Old	3		3
	20 - 24 Years Old	2	3	5
	25 - 29 Years Old	3	3	6
	30 - 34 Years Old	2		2
	35 - 39 Years Old	3	2	5
	40 Years Old +	3	4	7
Not Recorded	Not Recorded	27	28	55
Grand Total		48	46	94

Suffolk Constabulary				
Victim Gender	Age Range	January	February	Total
Female	25 - 29 Years Old		1	1
	35 - 39 Years Old		1	1
Male	13 - 16 Years Old	1		1
	17 - 19 Years Old		1	1
	20 - 24 Years Old	1	1	2

	25 - 29 Years Old	1	1	2
	30 - 34 Years Old		1	1
	40 Years Old +	1	1	2
Not Recorded	Not Recorded	19	22	41
Grand Total		23	29	52

4. As above

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
<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 the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and 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*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and 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 Norfolk and 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 or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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