



9th March 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000712/18

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

- 1a Will your force have appointed a dedicated disclosure champion by 28.02.18?
- 1b If so, what rank is this officer?

- 2a Does your force have a dedicated digital forensic unit? By this we mean a team dedicated to investigating and advising on evidence with a digital element including computers, mobile phones and other electronic devices capable of holding electronic data.
- 2b If so, what month and year did this unit begin operation?
- 2c If so, how many staff (FTE) currently work in the unit?

- 3a Does your force outsource digital forensic work to a private company? If not, has your force done so in the past?
- 3b If your force currently does, which private company/s does the force outsource to?
- 3c If your force has done so in the last ten calendar years, but has now stopped, please state which company/s you outsourced to and over what period.

- 4a Please state the number of cases in which there was a suspected failure to disclose evidence, which has been referred to your forces professional standards directorate, from January 1st 2017 to date. Please provide a breakdown by month.
- 4b Of these cases, please state the number that are still currently being investigated.
- 4c Of these cases, please state the number that involved digital non-disclosure.
- 4d Of these cases, how many were offences of rape? How many were other sexual offences?

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 27th February 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

- Q1a Yes, the Constabularies have appointed a dedicated disclosure champion.
- Q1b At Executive level this is the Assistant Chief Constable, Joint Protective Services. The Tactical Lead is a Detective Chief Superintendent. An internal Disclosure Improvement Board has been set up.
- Q2a Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies has a Joint Digital Forensics Unit.

Q2b In Norfolk the High Tech Crime Unit was established in 2003. In Suffolk it was established in 2001. Both units were collaborated in 2014.

Q2c The current FTE is 11.5

Q3a Cases will occasionally be outsourced to assist with complex issues.

Q3b The company used will depend on the service that is required. LGC are mostly the

Q3c Not applicable.

Q4a The Digital Forensics Unit and the Professional Standards Department are not aware of any cases.

Q4b-d Not applicable.

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, 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
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.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
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