



6th April 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000971/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 14th March 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

In order to assist us with a research project, under the Freedom of Information Act, I am looking for information regarding deaths in Custody and other Police Holdings. In particular we are looking for information regarding the following since 2010.

- Number of deaths and/or injury caused by self harm
- Number of deaths and/or injury caused by stabbing between detainees
- Number of deaths and/or injury caused by stabbing between detainees on staff members

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 4th April 2018.

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

Research has been undertaken of cases referred to the Independent Office for Police Conduct under the category of 'Death or Serious Injury' as this would include any relevant information for this request. Additionally research has been undertaken of general files within the Joint Professional Standards Department which include the test 'self-harm'. Please see results below:-

NORFOLK

There have been no deaths within the custody suites in Norfolk between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2017.

Two cases have been recorded where detainees suffered injury by self-harming in custody.

There have been no cases identified whereby detainees have been involved in stabbings.

SUFFOLK

There has been one death within the custody suite in Suffolk between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2017 however this was not caused by self-harm. The detainee fell ill whilst in police custody.

One case has been recorded where a detainee suffered injury by self-harming in custody.

There have been no cases identified whereby detainees have been involved in stabbings.

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700