



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 001377-18**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 17 April 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“Under the Freedom of Information Act could you please give me a breakdown of the number of domestic abuse reports for 2017/18, broken down by the gender of the perpetrator/accused?*

*And, if possible, a break down by the age of the alleged perpetrator/accused for that same year?”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 30 April 2018

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded that have a primary or secondary classification of 'Domestic Abuse', during the 2017/18 financial year.

Secondary classifications relate to those occasions where the primary offence, such as theft, criminal damage etc, has been recorded and there is additionally a link to domestic violence.

The information supplied will only relate to those occasions where a suspect has been recorded. There will be occasions where the parties are recorded as 'Involved parties' as opposed to suspects.

The table provided below confirms the total number of reports by gender of the suspect.

<b>Suspect Gender</b>	<b>NORFOLK</b>	<b>SUFFOLK</b>
Female	1612	1378
Male	5706	4475
Not Recorded	81	64
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7399</b>	<b>5917</b>

The data provided below confirms the data broken down by the age of the suspect. Please note that the data provided relies on the date of birth being accurately recorded and in the correct search field.

<b>Age of suspect at time of offence</b>	<b>NORFOLK</b>	<b>SUFFOLK</b>
8	1	2
9	3	1
10	1	4
11	2	5
12	10	14
13	7	16
14	17	23
15	33	34
16	122	103
17	139	112
18	204	158
19	173	139
20	168	131
21	203	138
22	227	152
23	237	179
24	235	174
25	224	201
26	243	182
27	269	195
28	269	206
29	206	214
30	234	145
31	231	174
32	226	189
33	201	194
34	216	154
35	197	160
36	172	164
37	156	155
38	148	138
39	172	114
40	113	117
41	163	105
42	140	116
43	118	113
44	133	102

45	147	94
46	151	92
47	110	81
48	118	96
49	95	101
50	109	59
51	92	62
52	83	70
53	66	78
54	80	57
55	66	53
56	63	44
57	51	42
58	51	46
59	34	37
60	23	16
61	32	22
62	17	11
63	19	16
64	18	18
65	25	14
66	20	8
67	12	7
68	15	10
69	9	14
70	18	7
71	8	16
72	18	10
73	10	13
74	15	5
75	14	10
76	4	9
77	8	2
78	5	7
79	9	5
80	10	3
81	8	8
82	5	4

83	6	6
84	4	4
85	9	3
86	7	5
87		3
88		4
89	1	3
90	3	2
91	2	3
92	1	
93	3	
96	2	
Unknown	110	114
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7399</b>	<b>5917</b>

***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](mailto: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](http://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