



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000005-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 2 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many missing person reports do you receive, on average, either weekly, monthly or yearly (whichever record is the easiest for you to retrieve?)”*
2. *How many unresolved missing person cases do you have on your database? (This could be that a body has not yet been retrieved, or the person has not been located.)*
3. *How many missing person cases have you had that have resulted in the individual becoming the victim of a murder/homicide? (This could be of any time period which is the most convenient for you to retrieve. Further, this can include missing person cases ending in murder which have been solved or not).”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3 January 2019

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

1. The total number of missing person reports received by the Constabulary during the 2018 calendar year was 4100. Please note that we do not record average figures.
2. Suffolk Constabulary currently has 90 people “inactive” on our Missing Persons database. These individuals could be inactive for the following reasons: deceased but body not located, moved abroad and not located, wanted for criminal offences, or where there are no longer any feasible lines of enquiry to locate these individuals.
3. For the period of 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018; a total of 11 missing persons lost their lives. However, these cannot all be attributed to criminal activity (i.e murder/homicide) and the majority will have been individuals that have taken their own lives.

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 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 40 working 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 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 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