



29<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 000041/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

I am writing to request information on the number of homicides committed in the past three years to date and the classification of these murders. I am seeking this information to understand what proportion of homicides involve knife crimes/stabbings, whether these are gang-related, and how many of this murders are a culmination of domestic abuse.

To this end, I would be grateful if you would provide me with the following information:

- 1 The number of homicides committed within the jurisdiction of your force/constabulary in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please provide the information for 2016 and 2017 running from January to December, and for 2018 January to Present or the most recent date you can provide;
- 2 The number of homicides committed within the jurisdiction of your force/constabulary during these three years in which the murder weapon (s) included a sharp object (essentially murder involving a knife and/or stabbing);
- 3 The number of homicides committed within the jurisdiction of your force/constabulary during these three years in which the murder weapon (s) included a sharp object in which the victim was a) female, b) male and c) not recorded/other;
- 4 The number of homicides committed during these three years in which the murder weapon (s) included a sharp object and were assessed to be gang-motivated;
- 5 The number of homicides committed within the jurisdiction of your force/constabulary during these three years in which the murder weapon (s) included a sharp object and were classified as domestic abuse.

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request. The following figures relate to homicide crimes recorded in the years requested.

Q1

Constabulary	2016	2017	2018	Total
Norfolk Constabulary	7	8	6	21
Suffolk Constabulary	8	5	7	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>41</b>

Q2

<b>NORFOLK</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stab knife/strike unknown	-	1	-	1
Stab/knife	1	1	4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>SUFFOLK</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stab	-	-	1	1
Stab knife/strike unknown	-	1	-	1
Stab/knife	4	2	3	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

Q3

<b>NORFOLK</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
Female	-	-	2	2
Male	1	2	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>SUFFOLK</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
Female	1	1	1	3
Male	3	2	3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

Q4

<b>Gang Related indicator</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
Norfolk Constabulary	-	-	-	-
Suffolk Constabulary	-	-	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Q5

<b>Domestic Indicator</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
Norfolk Constabulary	-	-	1	1
Suffolk Constabulary	1	1	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>

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 40 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](mailto: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](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  
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