

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001075-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 18 March 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How much has been spent by the force on investigating historic child sex abuse cases in each year since 2012/13*
2. *How much of the force's annual budget has been spent on historic child sex abuse cases since 2012/13*
3. *If there is a dedicated unit of officers working on historic child sex abuse cases please tell me how many officers are working on this and their rank*
4. *How many prosecutions for historic child sex abuse have been secured by the force in each year since 2012/13”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 1 April 2019

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

1. Suffolk Constabulary does not record specific operational expenditure unless there is a specifically assigned operational budget. The only expenditure we are able to provide is that which is coded to Operation Racecourse within financial ledgers, which will generally incorporate overtime and subsistence's.

Operation Racecourse was a criminal investigation into allegations of physical and sexual abuse by staff on pupils at the former educational premises Great Finborough School between, the years of 1978 and 1983.

The total figure costed to Operation Racecourse is £55,439, however this figure does not represent the total expenditure of the investigation.

2. As above this figure is not held.
3. The Constabulary does not have a dedicated unit dealing with historic child sex abuse, the safeguarding units deal with child abuse cases, but historic major investigations are not



something there is a dedicated unit for. The only operation during this time frame is Operation Racecourse as confirmed above.

4. With regards to Operation Racecourse, the attached response confirms the numbers with regards to arrests, charges and prosecutions.

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