



18th June 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001341/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 11th April 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

I wish to make a Freedom of Information request regarding deaths of police staff, police officers and PCSOs

How many deaths in service since 2002? Can this be broken into on duty and off duty.

Causes of deaths – again separated into on duty and off duty. (eg traffic accidents, natural causes, after an accident, suicide, terrorism)

(To assist you I have included the response from Devon and Cornwall Police to this request from November 2017.)

In addition, to assist you, I include two articles. The first is from Plymouth Herald using the Devon and Cornwall Police data and the second is the Belfast Telegraph using the PSNI response.

Re: <https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/plymouth-news/one-four-police-officers-who-828426>

And

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/fears-over-workload-pressure-in-psni-as-17-officers-take-own-lives-in-15-years-36287922.html>

Request refined to 2009 onwards.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 15th June 2018.

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

Research has been undertaken of personnel records of deceased officers since 2009. This has identified 3 files in Norfolk and 5 in Suffolk. None of the files confirm the cause of death. One file in Norfolk and 2 in Suffolk refer to the officers suffering from cancer.

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