



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001617-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 30 April 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

"I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information for the financial year 2018/19:

1. *Total number of recorded domestic abuse-related incidents*

a. Number of domestic abuse-related incidents that involve children aged 16 and over (including step-children and children-in-law) as suspects and parents (including step-parents and parents-in-law) as victims

For the above category (1a), please provide a break-down in gender, age, and ethnicity for both victims and suspects.

2. *Total number of recorded domestic abuse-related crimes*

a. Number of domestic abuse-related crimes that involve children aged 16 and over (including step-children and children-in-law) as suspects and parents (including step-parents and parents-in-law) as victims

For the above category (2a), please provide a break-down in:

- Gender, age, and ethnicity for both victims and suspects*
- Police Outcome Type (NFA, caution, charge etc.)"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 15 May 2019

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

The Constabularies are unable to provide details with regards to domestic related incidents as the information is embedded within thousands of calls logs and we would have to review each incident

to establish whether the details of the suspects and victims and whether they would be relevant to the request.

Considering the many thousands of calls that we receive that have a domestic related marker, it would take well in excess of 36 hours to extract incident data.

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. The Constabularies do not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, all of the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, exceeding the appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests in terms of costs and therefore, Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: "...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit." The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the 'appropriate limit' for the Constabularies as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work per force at a standard rate of £25 per hour. This equates to 36 hours of work, or £900, for joint responses.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting *all* information your request is too broad to be complied with within the limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

The information provided relates to all investigations recorded that have a domestic abuse qualifier or that are marked as a domestic abuse investigation.

The information provided on the attached spreadsheet relates to all offences recorded where the suspect was aged 16 and over and the suspect/victim relationship is recorded as either son, son in law, step son, daughter, daughter in law or step daughter.

The information has been provided by suspect and victim self-defined ethnicity, age and gender and by outcome.

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*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 40 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