



19th June 2020

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001743/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 26th May 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many deaths in your custody have occurred in each of the last five full calendar years, and 2020 to date, broken down by year.
- 2 Please break this down by police station responsible, ethnicity of the deceased, and whether force was used against them by officers, and if so, what sort of force, broken down by year. And please could you confirm whether an IOPC investigation took place after any death. And whether it was self-referred.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 4th June 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below.

The Joint Professional Standards Department has undertaken a review of their records from 1st January 2015 to 27th May 2020. Please see results below:

NORFOLK: No relevant records.

SUFFOLK: 3 relevant records

2015

Male became unwell on arrival at the Bury St Edmunds Police Investigation Centre and was taken to hospital. The ethnicity of the deceased is recorded as White. The further requested details can be found on the IOPC website via the link provided:

<https://policeconduct.gov.uk/recommendations/man-dies-after-becoming-unwell-custody-suffolk-constabulary-december-2015>

2017

Male became unwell on transportation to Great Yarmouth Police Investigation Centre and was taken to hospital. The ethnicity of the deceased is recorded as White. He was handcuffed by police. The further requested details can be found on the IOPC website via the link provided:

<https://policeconduct.gov.uk/news/ipcc-investigate-death-man-following-arrest-suffolk-police>

2019

Male became unwell on arrival at Bury St Edmunds Police Investigation Centre and was taken to hospital. The ethnicity of the deceased is recorded as White. No force or restraint was used. Further details can be found on the Suffolk Constabulary website:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/08-11-2019/bury-st-edmunds-man-dies-after-arrest>

Where links have been provided, section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act has been engaged. Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means, therefore in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for these parts of your request.

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/>

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies are not responsible for the content, or the reliability, of the website referenced. The Constabulary cannot guarantee that this link will work all of the time, and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.

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*

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