



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001880-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 21 May 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

"I am undertaking an academic study into the content of Clare's Law disclosures.

I would like to request a copy of force guidance or policy that sets out the kind of information that can be disclosed by Suffolk Police under Clare's Law and in what circumstances.

I am looking for guidance that would specify what kind of data can be disclosed: convictions, spent convictions, charges, intelligence, and so on."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 3 June 2019

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

Suffolk Constabulary utilises the national policy in order to make an assessment as to whether the information held meets the criteria for disclosure. This is professional judgement in line with the guidance and authorized by the Detective Inspector in the MASH.

The Home office Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) Guidance can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-violence-disclosure-scheme-pilot-guidance>

In addition, information concerning the way in which the Constabulary manages Domestic Violence can be found on the force internet:

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/assault-abuse-threats/domestic-abuse>

The Constabulary has also published the following force policy available on the Constabularies website:

https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/domesticviolencedisclosurescheme_0.pdf



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