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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002071-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 4 June 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many registered sex offenders are being monitored in the force area?”*
2. *How many of these have a lifetime notification?*
3. *For the following time periods how many people who have a lifetime notification on the Sex Offenders Register have applied to have it revoked? - Please supply figures for 2019 to date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014*
4. *How many of these applications were successful? -Please supply figures for 2019 to date, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014”*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 5 June 2019

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

1. The number of Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs) being managed by the Constabulary is published within the annual MAPPA reports.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1 (1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Where exemptions are relied upon s17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which:

- a) States that fact,
- b) Specifies the exemption(s) in question and
- c) States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies

The information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption;

**Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means**

Information concerning RSO numbers is published on the .gov website and can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-annual-reports>

2. The total number of RSOs who have a lifetime notification is 227, this figure includes persons with a Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO), who may have a lifetime notification requirement, but will after 15 years, be eligible to have that notification requirement be revoked. This figure is therefore not wholly accurate and representative of the numbers of RSOs on lifetime notifications.
3. The Constabulary provides six monthly submissions to the Home Office and consequently, the total number of people who have applied to have their lifetime notification revoked.

The information supplied to the home office is a rolling 6-month total and is not collated in any other format throughout the year, any such would require a manual review and exceed time constraints of the Act. The Constabulary has therefore supplied the data for the time frame of each return and as at the date of the request.

| <b>Time frame</b>          | <b>Total applications</b> | <b>Total successful</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>01.09.12 – 30.04.14</b> | 9                         | 6                       |
| <b>01.05.14 – 31.08.14</b> | 1                         | 0                       |
| <b>01.09.14 – 30.04.15</b> | 5                         | 3                       |
| <b>01.05.15 – 31.08.15</b> | 1                         | 1                       |
| <b>01.09.15 – 31.12.15</b> | 3                         | 2                       |
| <b>01.01.16 – 30.04.16</b> | 5                         | 2                       |
| <b>01.05.16 – 31.08.16</b> | 5                         | 4                       |
| <b>01.09.16 – 28.02.17</b> | 5                         | 6*                      |
| <b>01.03.17 – 31.08.17</b> | 3                         | 3                       |
| <b>01.09.17 – 28.02.18</b> | 2                         | 2                       |
| <b>01.03.18 – 31.08.18</b> | 3                         | 3                       |
| <b>01.09.18 – 28.02.19</b> | 4                         | 2                       |
| <b>01.03.19 – 05.06.19</b> | 5                         | 4                       |

\*This is higher than the number of applications as includes one that was pending from a previous year.

4. As above



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](mailto: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](http://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