



Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002100-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 15 June 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

“The Home Secretary has statutory powers to routinely request data from every police force in England and Wales. The Annual Data Requirement (ADR) stipulates a list of all the categories of data that may be requested, which individual forces must provide.

I wish to know the following under Freedom of Information:

- 1) What is the explanatory guidance that has been given to Suffolk police about what information to record in the 'gender' category of the ADR?*
- 2) In the gender category of the ADR does your police force record a victim or suspects natal sex (the sex they were assigned at birth), their legal sex (the sex on their birth certificate), or their self-declared gender identity?*
- 3) If a male-born person self-identifies as female will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male?*
- 4) If a male-born person self-identifies as non-binary will this be recorded by you in the ADR as female or male or something else?*
- 5) If someone is transgender (identifies as a different gender to the sex assigned at birth) is this recorded by you separately in the ADR.*
- 6) If a male-born person self-identifies as female and is arrested/convicted for the crime of rape will you record the gender of the suspect/perpetrator in the ADR as male or female.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 25 June 2018

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

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have a large number of ADRs, all of which will differ depending on the subject matter of that particular requirement.

In respect the recording of an individual's gender, the options available on the ADR are Male, Female and unisex/unspecified.

The Constabulary's crime system, does allow for the recording of gender as male, female, unisex, unspecified, unknown and not recorded. Likewise, our stop search database has Male, female, other, not specified options.

The Constabulary does not hold information concerning the above mentioned scenarios however; gender will be recorded in accordance with the individual's wishes.

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 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