



27th July 2020

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002127/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 22nd June 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- A the number of officers assigned to specialist roles supporting domestic abuse/violence victims in each of the last five years
- B the number of arrests made for domestic abuse/violence in every month so far this year (2020)
- C the number of arrests made for domestic abuse/violence in each of the last five years
- D the budget in each of the last five years for any specialist domestic abuse/violence unit that the force may have
- E the amount spent on training police officers in supporting domestic abuse/violence victims in each of the last five years.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 16th July 2020.

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

- A All officers across the Constabularies will be involved in investigating domestic related crimes. We have provided below the number of officers (excluding police staff) who work in the Safeguarding department, whose roles will include domestic offences.

Norfolk Safeguarding is aligned with the Investigations Department, therefore, whilst we have provided the number of officers in the dedicated Safeguarding unit, the crimes are often investigated by the Investigations Unit.

With regard to Suffolk, units within the Crime, Safeguarding & Incident Management Command include the Internet Child Abuse Investigations Team, Safeguarding Hub and Safeguarding Units.

Similarly to Norfolk, Suffolk Safeguarding teams work alongside Investigations Departments in order to investigate crimes effectively.

As at date	Department Name	Headcount	Strength
NORFOLK			
31/03/2016	Safeguarding & Harm Reduction Command	79	72.68
31/03/2017	Safeguarding & Harm Reduction Command	64	58.94
31/03/2018	Norfolk Safeguarding	68	62.16
31/03/2019	Norfolk Safeguarding	62	56.86

31/03/2020	Norfolk Safeguarding	62	57.09
SUFFOLK			
31/03/2016	Suffolk Protecting Vulnerable People	94	87.09
31/03/2017	Suffolk Protecting Vulnerable People	108	101.61
31/03/2018	Suffolk Protecting Vulnerable People	116	110.41
31/03/2019	Units within the Crime, Safeguarding & Incident Management Command	102	95.838
31/03/2020	Units within the Crime, Safeguarding & Incident Management Command	96	90.021

B The following figures are for arrests which have a domestic related indicator. This does not reflect the total number of domestic crimes or incidents.

Month / Year	NORFOLK	SUFFOLK
January 2020	251	207
February 2020	241	199
March 2020	229	190
April 2020	206	214
May 2020	253	211
June 2020	172	182

C We are only able to provide arrest information from 20th October 2015.

Year	NORFOLK	SUFFOLK
2015 (from October)	820	511
2016	3914	2545
2017	3649	2362
2018	3755	2904
2019	3414	2901

D NORFOLK

Financial Year	Department	Budget
2015/16	Safeguarding hub - No DAST Posts prior to restructure	-
2016/17	Safeguarding hub - No DAST Posts prior to restructure	-
2017/18	Specific Domestic Abuse Team following restructure	£1,124,846
2018/19	Specific Domestic Abuse Team following restructure	£1,195,390
2019/20	Specific Domestic Abuse Team following restructure	£1,349,710

SUFFOLK

Financial Year	Department	Budget
2015/16	Crime, Safeguarding & Incident Management Command - Domestic Abuse only	£382,230
2016/17	Crime, Safeguarding & Incident Management Command	£495,290

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2017/18	Crime, Safeguarding & Incident Management Command - Domestic Abuse only	£500,901
2018/19	Crime, Safeguarding & Incident Management Command - Domestic Abuse only	£530,470
2019/20	Crime, Safeguarding & Incident Management Command - Domestic Abuse only	£548,580

E The cost of training will be embedded within wider departmental budgets and are not held specifically in relation to offences of domestic abuse.

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/>

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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
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Jubilee House
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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.

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