

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002303-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 2 July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"Please indicate which Police force you are responding on behalf.*
2. *Do you provide autism training for Police Officers/Staff? If you select yes there are a maximum of six further questions.*
 - *No*
 - *Yes*
 - *Currently being designed*
3. *Is autism training a stand-a-lone training package?*
4. *If training has been provided, which of the following do you provide? Please select one or more answers.*
 - *Training devised in-house by Police Officers/staff*
 - *E- learning*
 - *Training created and delivered by an external provider*
5. *What autism qualification does the trainer hold?*
 - *No formal qualification in autism*
 - *A college certificate in autism*
 - *An undergraduate qualification in autism*
 - *A post graduate qualification in autism*
6. *Is autism training compulsory?*
7. *Which of the following roles receive autism training? Please select one or more answers.*
 - *Police Officers*
 - *Student Police Officers*
 - *Police Community Support Officers*
 - *Special Constables*
 - *Custody Staff*

- *Designated Detention Officers*
- *Civilian Investigation Officers*
- *Communication Officers*
- *Scene of Crime Officers/Investigators*
- *Other Civilian Staff*
- *Dispatch Officers*

8. *Have you adopted the Autism alert card scheme?"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 9 July 2018

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

1. Suffolk Constabulary
2. Yes
3. No
4. Training is devised in-house by Police Officers and Staff.
5. No formal qualifications in Autism.
6. Autism training on its own is not compulsory; however it does sit within a wider Personal Safety module which is mandatory.
7. The training is delivered to; Police Officers, Student Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, Special Constables, Custody Staff and Designated Detention Officers.
8. Yes

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 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 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