



23rd July 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002350/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 4th July 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

In each of the separate time periods:

March 1st 2016 and 30th June 2016
March 1st 2017 and 30th June 2017
March 1st 2018 and 30th June 2018

- 1 How many offences involving knives or bladed instruments were recorded by your force?
- 2 Please list the names, gender and ages (if known) of any victims of homicide involving knives or bladed instruments during the above period.
- 3 Please state the overall number of victims of crimes involving knives or bladed instruments during that period, regardless of whether they were injured or not.
- 4 Please group the victims in question 3 into age ranges (12 and under, 13 to 16, 17 to 19, 20 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39 and 40 and over) and gender.

I'd be grateful if you could break the information down into separate calendar years for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 18th July 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following and attached information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of recorded crimes for offences where a knife or bladed article was used within the offence. We have provided the total number of offences recorded and those offences where a person victim has been identified. The victim figures will not include those where the victim is classed as being a corporate/business organisation. **Please note, the figures include all offence types, for example, violence, public fear, criminal damage, burglary, etc. This might therefore include incidents where a knife/bladed article has been used to gain entry to premises or to damage a car, clothing, etc, as opposed to including just violent offences against a person.**

The figures provided are for the period 1st March to 30th June, for each year requested.

With regard to question 2, please see item on the Norfolk Constabulary website via the link below:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/23-06-2018/male-charged-mans-murder-norwich>

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means; in this case via the Norfolk Constabulary website, therefore in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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/>

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies are not responsible for the content, or the reliability, of the website referenced. The Constabulary cannot guarantee that this link will work all of the time, and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.

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
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
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.

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