



22nd July 2019

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 002380/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 1st July 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 From 2013 to 2018, a year by year breakdown of the number of missing persons and the number of reported absent persons (separated figures e.g. 2000 missing persons and 500 absent persons). If possible, please state the number who were 18 or over and the number under 18 for both the missing and absent categories.
- 2 Your force policy/guidance on whether a person is reported as missing or absent.
- 3 While I appreciate it is unlikely you have the data, if you do please provide any data you have relating to the policing costs for missing people and absent people.

If no data is held for question 3 then I understand that and please just provide details for numbers 1 and 2. If data doesn't go as far back as 2013 then please just provide data as far back as possible.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 8th July 2019.

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

Q1

Year	Adults Reported Missing	Children Reported Missing	Reported Absent
2013	1014	1126	0
2014	786	1723	2 adults
2015	1014	1193	351 adults
2016	1224	1678	706 adults
2017	1345	2581	242 adults
2018	1366	2305	204 adults

- Q2 Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies no longer record any child, whose whereabouts are not known, as absent.

All persons will be recorded as missing and will be risk assessed from 'no apparent risk (absent)' through to 'high-risk'.

- Q3 No information held.

This response will be published on the Constabulary's web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

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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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 Norfolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Norfolk 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
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk 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 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