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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002645-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 19 July 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“The information I am requesting is to do with the categorisation of intimate partner violence reports within the LGBT community. The information I would like access to is:*

- 1. How does your force currently record incidents of intimate partner violence?*
- 2. When recording IPV does your force categorise by relationship type such as same sex? If not, why not?*
- 3. Is relationship type flagged on any of the force systems for later identification during the investigation process?”*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 22 July 2019

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

1. Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is classified as Domestic Abuse (DA), therefore, every incident is given the ‘tag’ of DA on our recording system. A Domestic Abuse, Stalking & Harassment (**DASH**) Risk Assessment is then completed with the victim.
2. Suffolk does not categorise by relationship type, rather the response to the victim is based around the individual risks, and the associated safety plan. This is based on the needs of the victim, which is specific to them
3. The Constabulary does not flag relationship type, however if officers deem appropriate, they can include sexual orientation in person details.

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 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 40 working 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](mailto: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](http://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