



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002849-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 3 August 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Can you please provide me with the number of crime reports for murder, attempt to murder and assault (can you please separate with and without injuries) where the victim is a woman and the suspect was already been reported by the victim for stalking and harassment and assault (with and without injuries) during the previous 12 years for each of the last five financial year (2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14)?*
2. *As a separate EXCEL table, please provide me with the number of violence against the person (just include
Murder
Attempted murder
Kidnapping
Modern slavery
Assault without injury
Conspiracy to murder
Threats to kill
Assault with intent to cause serious harm
Endangering life
Assault with injury)*

Where the victim was a woman and the suspect was a man, for each of the last five years (2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14)”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 22 August 2018

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

In relation to your request for information and in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this response serves as a formal notification of refusal for your request. Suffolk Constabulary does not hold, for the purposes of FOIA, the information you require in a retrievable format.

It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all of the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the



appropriate limit for dealing with Freedom of Information requests, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

In relation to Question 1 of your request, we are unable to link whether the suspect had previously been reported by the victim for stalking and harassment and assault, without extracting the raw nominal data and reviewing thousands of arrest records, the Constabulary estimates it would take well in excess of 18 hours to extract reliable and accurate data concerning previous reports of stalking.

Please be advised that Stalking in itself is not an arrest reason; rather feature underneath various other branches, including Harassment. Additionally, data pre 19 October 2015 is held on the Constabulary's legacy system, which does not allow for bulk data extraction. In order to identify the total number of persons arrested for stalking accurately, would require the constabulary to review thousands of offences.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that a Public Authority is not obliged to: "...comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit." The Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations, defines the 'appropriate limit' for the Suffolk Constabulary as £450 and specifies that this sum equates to 18 hours work at a standard rate of £25 per hour.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter serves as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

By requesting *all* information your request is too broad to be complied with within the £450 limit imposed on Freedom of Information requests.

Although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

The total number of violent offences recorded where the victim was female and suspect male, is provided in the table below by home office offence group.

HOCR Sub Group	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Homicide	1	1		2	1
Violence With Injury	1165	1256	1219	1228	1281
Violence Without Injury	1392	1577	1719	1626	2043
Grand Total	2558	2834	2938	2856	3325



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