



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002932-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 13 August 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

*"I am emailing you to request **anonymous** data under the Freedom of Information Acts (2000 and 2002). I would like to request the following information on domestic homicides. For the purposes of this request, I am defining domestic homicides as any death of a person aged 16 by a person to whom they were related or with whom they were, or had been, in an intimate personal relationship, or a member of the same household as themselves.*

I would like to request the following information for the years 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2018 inclusive:

- 1. How many domestic homicides were recorded by your force between these dates? Please provide a breakdown by year (e.g. 10 in 2015, 20 in 2016, 30 in 2015, total = 60)*
- 2. For each of these recorded cases, please provide the victim, suspect/offender and crime details on an individual case basis as per the attached table - if possible please complete a table for each recorded offence or provide the same information in a different format if preferred but please provide this on an individual basis - **please do not aggregate the information**).*

This request has been carefully requested to ensure the data requested is anonymous (e.g. using age categories rather than asking for specific ages). I am seeking information on closed cases only."

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14 August 2019

Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and the response is below.

The information provided below confirms all domestic related homicides recorded by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies during the 2015 – 2018 calendar years.

Please note that the Constabularies do not hold conviction data, which should be sought from the courts, however we can confirm all were classified as murder investigations with the exception of the Norfolk investigation in 2017 concerning the death of a parent by a child, this was classified as a manslaughter investigation.

Suffolk									
Year	Victim			Suspect			Relationship	Location	Method
	Gender	Ethnicity	Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Age			
2015	Male	White	80-89	Female	White	40-49	Family member	Victim home	Strangling
2016	Male	White	80-89	Male	White	60-69	Partner or spouse	Victim home	Other
	Female	White	60-69	Male	White	60-69	Partner or spouse	Victim / suspect home	Stabbing
2017	Female	White	50-59	Male	White	60-69	Partner or spouse	Suspect home	Stabbing
	Female	White	60-69	Male	White	60-69	Partner or spouse	Victim / suspect home	Asphyxiation
2018	Female	White	30-39	Male	White	30-39	Partner or spouse	Victim / suspect home	Stabbing

Norfolk									
Year	Victim			Suspect			Relationship	Location	Method
	Gender	Ethnicity	Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Age			
2016	Female	White	40-49	Male	White	40-49	Partner or spouse	Victim / suspect home	Firearm
2017	Female	White	30-39	Male	White	20-29	Partner of spouse	Victim home	Assault with weapon
	Female	White	80-89	Female	White	50-59	Child	Victim home	Other
	Male	White	70-79	Female	White	60-69	Partner or spouse	Victim / suspect home	Unknown
2018	Female	U/K	70-79	Male	White	80-89	Partner or spouse	Victim / suspect home	Stabbing

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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 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
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.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 40 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
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