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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003060-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 27 August 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Please can you provide the number of victims aged over 65 for violent offences, namely:
  - a. Common assault
  - b. Actual Bodily Harm
  - c. Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm
  - d. Causing Grievous Bodily Harm*
2. *For the calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.*
3. *If there is time, please could you separately break down the figures by the victims’ age?*
4. *If there is time, please can you provide any further information about the nature of what happened?”*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 6 September 2019

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary’s crime system for all violent offences recorded during the 2014 – 2018 calendar years, where the victims age was recorded as 65 years of age or older. Please note that the data provided will not include occasions where the victims date of birth has not been entered into the system.

The table provided within the attached spreadsheet confirms, by victims age and year, the number of offences recorded by offence category. The nature of the offence has not been provided as this would require an element of redaction and given there are many hundreds of offences, this would be an onerous task and cause the request to be made vexatious. We have therefore excluded this part of the request as stated within the question 4.

There are two columns for 2015 due to a change in crime recording system during this time, so these figures have been derived from two systems and can be added together to establish the total number of 2015.

***Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to***



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***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 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