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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003193-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 4 September 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"The number of missing persons cases currently open*
2. *What that number of cases was in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018*
3. *For the cases that are currently open, I'd like to know how many relate to males, how many to females and how many to under-18s.*

For questions 1-3, please provide the answers in an Excel spreadsheet with headings as follows:

*'Number of missing person cases current' '2018' '2017' '2016' '2015' 'Current cases: male'
'Current cases: female' 'Current cases: under-18'*

4. *I'd also like to know the three longest-running, unsolved and still open missing persons cases on your files.*

For each of those three cases, I'd like:

- *The person's identity, nationality, description, age, occupation and anything else known about them*
- *Where they were last sighted*
- *When they went missing and in what circumstances*
- *Status of the investigation currently, including when police last took action in relation to it and the nature of that action*
- *Copies or details of any public appeals made, if available and disclosure of the number of appeals issued in relation to the case*
- *Any images released to the public linked to the person concerned, or if not released, any images that the force would be willing to disclose in the hope they can help to trace the individual"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 10 September 2019

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



1. The number of open cases is a fluid figure, which changes on a minute by minute basis. As at the 10:21am on 10 September 2019, there were a total of 8 open missing person cases in Suffolk. This figure does not include inactive cases or closed cases that are regularly reviewed i.e. cold cases.
2. The information provided in the table below confirms the total number of missing person cases recorded by the Constabulary:

Year	Total
2015	2505
2016	3450
2017	4055
2018	4093

3. Of the cases currently open; 2 relate to females; 6 relate to males and 3 relate to persons under the age of 18.
4. Information concerning the longest open missing person cases in Suffolk, which includes the cold cases, has previously been disclosed. FOI request 002250-19 has been attached for your reference.

None of the oldest cases had any press releases.

Information concerning ongoing missing person cases which have been brought to the attention of the public, is available on the Constabulary's website via the following link:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/missing-persons>

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*

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