



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 003239-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 5 September 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“In each of the last three calendar years (2015, 2016, 2017), how many cases were referred to the IOPC/IPCC that involved a woman who committed suicide after reporting to police she was being harassed or stalked by a partner, stalker, or ex partner?”*

*If applicable, please break down any cases by year and provide the name of the victim.*

*If applicable, please specify what the outcome of the IOPC referral was.”*

### Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 2018

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

A review of the cases recorded in the Professional Standards Department between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2017 has been conducted. All cases recorded under ‘Death or Serious Injury’ or referred to the IOPC under those grounds have been reviewed and none of the matters recorded in PSD over the time period requested fit the criteria of the question.

The IOPC Statutory Guidance definition of a DSI matter is:

*A DSI matter means any circumstances (unless the circumstances are or have been the subject of a complaint or amount to a conduct matter) in, or as a result of which, a person has died or sustained serious injury and:*

- at the time of death or serious injury the person had been arrested by a person serving with the police and had not been released or was otherwise detained in the custody of a person serving with the police; or*
- at or before the time of death or serious injury the person had contact of any kind – whether direct or indirect – with a person serving with the police who was acting in the execution of his or her duties and there is an indication that the contact may have caused – whether directly or indirectly – or contributed to the death or serious injury. However, this sub-category excludes contact that a person who suffered the death or serious injury had whilst he or she was acting in the execution or his or her duties as a person serving with the police.*



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](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