



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003273-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 10 September 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many reported undetected homicide cases are there within your jurisdiction currently?”*
2. *Do you currently have a team solely responsible for the review of undetected homicides?*
3. *What is the current standard undetected homicide case review frequency within your jurisdiction?*
4. *During the years 2011 – 2014 (inclusive), how many undetected homicide cases were reviewed within your jurisdiction?*
5. *During the years 2011 – 2014 (inclusive), how many undetected homicide cases were detected within your jurisdiction?*
6. *Does your jurisdiction currently have a Forensic Archaeologist to be called upon as required?*
7. *During the years 2011 – 2014 (inclusive), how many undetected homicide case reviews utilised Forensic Archaeology?*
8. *During the years 2011 – 2014 (inclusive), how many undetected homicide cases were detected as a result of Forensic Archaeology?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 12 September 2019

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

1. The total number of reported undetected homicide cases is as follows:

Suffolk – 16 – This includes 1 double jeopardy case where the defendant has been acquitted but the case remains undetected.

Norfolk – 28 – This includes 9 double jeopardy cases where the defendant has been acquitted but the cases remain undetected.

2. The Constabularies do have a team solely responsible for the review of undetected homicides. This team also fulfil other roles.
3. Cases are brought before a panel 6 times a year and reviews are determined based upon whether there is any new evidence, new scientific advances, various anniversaries and information from the public or other sources
4. Information concerning the review of undetected homicides is not held prior to 2017.
5. No undetected homicide cases were detected in Suffolk during this time frame.

Two undetected homicide cases were detected in Norfolk during this time frame.

6. This specialism can be used as and when required via the forensic providers and the College and Policing. Such use would be rare although a forensic anthropologist was utilised in September 2019.
7. Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have not utilised a Forensic Archaeologist during this time.
8. N/A

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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<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
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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
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Water Lane
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SK9 5AF
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