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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003535-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 1 October 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

"NRM REFERRALS

- 1. I noticed in the [NRM data reports on the NCA's website](#) that your force has referred a number of Vietnamese nationals to the NRM over the past few years. Of these cases, please tell me many in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 involve people whose NRM referral form mentions them having enrolled at, been a student at, or gone missing from, a school or college in the UK ('School' or 'college' or 'sixth form' appears in the NRM referral form, I have been told it is straightforward to search digitally). Please break the numbers down by year, by male/female, and by minors or adults.*
- 2. Of these cases mentioned in question 1, please tell me the names of the schools or colleges mentioned in these forms. If you can't name a specific school or college for operational reasons, or indeed any of the schools or colleges for that reason, please explain what that reason is and for that school/college just tell me what type of school or college it is (please make clear if it is private or state funded) and which county it is in.*

MISSING PERSONS REPORTS

- 3. How many missing persons reports have you had for Vietnamese nationals in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, who were minors, and whose report or whose entry in the crime recording system you use mentions them going missing from a school or a college? (I've been told by people who use systems like NICHE and ATHENA that it's possible to pull out this information using these search terms). Please break the numbers down by year, by male/female, and by minors or adults.*
- 4. Of these cases mentioned in question 3, please tell me the names of the schools or colleges mentioned in these forms. If you can't name a specific school or college for operational reasons, or indeed any of the schools or colleges for that reason, please explain what that reason is and for that school/college just tell me what type of school or college it is (please make clear if it is private or state funded) and which county it is in."*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 9 October 2019



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

NRM Referrals

With regards to NRM referrals, section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon s17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact, b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Suffolk is unable to confirm the number of NRM referrals as this involves information pertaining to an exempt body, which is an automatic exemption under the following exemption:

Section 23(1) – Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

Missing Persons

The Constabulary has no records of missing persons from 2016 – 2019, whose nationality is recorded as Vietnamese.

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/>

Suffolk Constabulary is not responsible for the content, or the reliability, of the website referenced. The Constabulary cannot guarantee that this link will work all of the time, and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.



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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