



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003715-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 15 October 2019 which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many Forensic Collision Investigator positions does your Force have on your establishment structure?”*
2. *Do you currently have a full establishment of Forensic Collision Investigators?*
3. *How many of your Forensic Collision Investigators have obtained a recognised Forensic Collision Investigation qualification as listed in Appendix A of the NPCC Forensic Collision Investigation & Reconstruction Protocol 2018?*
4. *How many of your Forensic Collision Investigators have undertaken ALL the Training Courses listed in Appendix C of the NPCC Forensic Collision Investigation & Reconstruction Protocol 2018?*
5. *In the calendar year 2018 how many investigations did your Forensic Collision Investigators carry out? If possible, within the timeframe/cost threshold set out by the FOIA, please also provide this information for 2017, 2016 and 2015.*
6. *In the calendar year 2018, how many accidents did your Forensic Collision Investigators attend? If possible, please break this down into fatal and serious accidents. If possible, within the timeframe/cost threshold set out by the FOIA, please also provide this information for 2017, 2016 and 2015.”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 15 October 2019

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

1. The joint Norfolk and Suffolk FCIU have 11 forensic collision investor positions, this equates to 5 FCI's in each county and one joint supervisor. From April 2020 there will be an increase to 13 positions with 6 per county and a joint supervisor.

2. The joint Norfolk and Suffolk FCIU currently have a full establishment.
3. All current FCI's have either a City and Guilds or UPCD qualification dependent on length of service.
4. None of the Forensic Collision Investigations have undertaken all the Training Courses listed in Appendix C of the NPCC Forensic Collision Investigation & Reconstruction Protocol 2018. To clarify, the protocol states courses are to be undertaken within 5 years. 3 FCI's have less than 5 years in post and the specialist courses are directed after 5yrs in post. Generally, the unit has the capability to perform all roles, for example 2 staff can analyse a tachograph and are the unit's experts.
- 5/6. Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies record the number of attended incidents, this would include scene examination and evidence recovery. In 2018 there were 216 attended incidents and in 2017 there were 229. The unit does not record the number of reports completed following attendance at a scene or vehicle examination.

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 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
IP5 3QS
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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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