



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003733-19

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

“Could you please provide the following information for 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 and separately for 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017?”

- 1. How many requests have been made to your force under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) otherwise known as "Clare's Law"?*
- 2. Can you please provide the information broken down by the gender of the person making the request (female, male, other, unknown), and show the overall total number of requests for each year?"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 30 October 2019

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

1. The total number of applications made to the Constabulary under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS), is as follows:

2017 – 641 applications

2018 – 569 applications

2. The gender breakdown under the 'Right to Know' and 'Right to Ask' applications, is as follows:

Application	Year	Male	Female
Right to Know	2017	39	539
	2018	32	423
Right to Ask	2017	4	59
	2018	9	105

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