



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003928-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 30 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 overall total number of requests separately for each of the two years and if possible, broken down by the gender of the person the information is potentially being disclosed to / shared with (female, male, other, unknown). (The person for whose benefit the request was made, rather than the person who actually submitted the request)>*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 8 November 2019

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

- Suffolk Constabulary has received the following number of requests under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme:

Year	Total applications	Right to Know	Right to Ask
2017	641	582	59
2018	569	452	117

- Right to Know – Made by a professional on behalf of the person at risk
 - Right to Ask – Made by members of the public
- Overall total figures as above.

During 2017, there 626 applications whereby the person the information was to be shared with were females, and 15 applications where the potential recipient was male.

During 2018, there 542 applications whereby the person the information was to be shared with were females, and 27 applications where the potential recipient was male.



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