



27th November 2018

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 004044/18

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 31st October 2018 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Your forces Stress management policy and procedure
- 2 Policy and procedures for officers who are signed off work
- 3 The % of your officers that were signed off work for stress in 2016 and 2017

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 6th November 2018.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Q1/2 The Constabularies have a joint Sickness Management policy which is published on the Constabularies websites. This covers all sickness absence and does not specifically relate to stress management. This policy can be accessed via the link provided below:-

https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/sickness_management_v2.1.pdf

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means; in this case via the Constabularies websites, therefore in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

Additionally we have attached a copy of the Work Related Stress Assessment which is used by the Constabularies.

Q3 Details of Police Officer absence for all *psychological disorders* have recently been released under the Freedom of Information Act and can also be found on the website (link below). This response also includes details of services which are in place to assist with Officer and Staff health and wellbeing. Please note, this category is much broader than stress and covers all psychological disorders.

https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/3322_police_officer_absence_due_to_psychological_disorders.pdf

The Constabularies do not record the percentage of officer absence. The headcount for officers as at 31st December 2016 and 2017, has been provided below:-

	NORFOLK	SUFFOLK
31/12/16	1,521	1,095
31/12/17	1,516	1,082

This response will be published on the Constabularies web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, 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/>

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies are 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.

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 40 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
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.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 20 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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700