



## Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 004246-18

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies on 16 November 2018 which you sought access to the following information:

*"I am writing to request information concerning violence reduction initiatives in your police force. Specifically, whether your force uses the "Cardiff Model" to inform activities.*

*Many people present to emergency departments with assault-related injuries. However, a significant proportion of these assaults are not reported to the police. The Cardiff Model requires emergency department reception staff to collect information on the location and circumstances of that assault from the patient. These data are then sent onwards to partners, including the police, to identify crime hotspots and thereby allocate resources to challenge the causes of violence.*

*The non-confidential data shared typically includes the time and date of incident, time and date of arrival to A&E, specific location of incident, primary means of assault (i.e. weapon or body part used).*

*My questions are:*

- 1. Does your force receive assault-related injury data from a hospital emergency department or departments?*
- 2. If information is received from an emergency department, approximately when did the receipt of this information begin (month and year)?*
- 3. If information was being received from a hospital emergency department or departments but has since ended, approximately when did this end (month and year)?*
- 4. If information was being received and this initiative was evaluated locally, is there any publicly available information on the evaluation results?"*

## Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 22 November 2018

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

With regards specifically to the Cardiff Model, Suffolk Constabulary does not have a product whereby the Constabulary receives regular data. Suffolk will obtain information on a case by case basis (for example if there was a stabbing, knife crime assaults may be requested) but this would be for a specific date range or type of MO.

The answers provided below are therefore concerning Norfolk Constabulary only.

1. Norfolk Constabulary receives regular data on assault-related attendances at the three Tier 1 Emergency Departments (EDs) located in Norfolk: NNUH, JPUH and QEH. In principle, the information supplied is as specified in the 'Cardiff model', however in practice there are some data quality issues.
2. The current information-sharing process was piloted in 2012/13 and was fully functioning from April 2013.
3. West Suffolk Hospital (located in Suffolk) was part of the pilot in 2012/13, however their involvement ceased as of April 2013.
4. There have been internal data quality audits. EDs have been given informal feedback on the usefulness of the data they supply. None of this is in the public domain and there has been no formal evaluation.

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](mailto: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](http://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  
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