

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 005862-17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 27 July 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Number of domestic violence protection notices (DVPNs) issued by superintendents (or higher ranked officers) for each day for your region for the period 08 March 2014 to 31 March 2017 inclusive. If daily information is not available, please provide monthly information.*
2. *Number of domestic violence protection orders (DVPOs) issued by the court for each day for your region for the period 08 March 2014 to 31 March 2017 inclusive. If daily information is not available, please provide monthly information.*
3. *Number of DVPN/DVPOs breached for each month for the period 08 March 2014 to 31 March 2017 inclusive.*
4. *For each year from 2009 to 2017 (to date) inclusive, how many domestic abuse specialist officers were employed in your force.*
5. *For each year from 2009 to 2017 (to date) inclusive, whether your force had a dedicated domestic abuse unit, whether specialist officers were part of a general public protection unit, or whether they were part of some other unit.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 27 July 2017.

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

Please be advised Suffolk Constabulary launched the Domestic Violence Protection Notice and Orders scheme from 4 August 2014.

1. The number of DVPNs issued by officers of Superintendent rank or higher between 8 March 2014 and 31 March 2017 was as follows:

<b>Month</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
January	-	2	0	1
February	-	0	0	1
March	-	4	2	3
April	-	1	1	-
May	-	3	2	-
June	-	1	3	-
July	-	3	2	-
August	4	0	3	-
September	3	3	0	-
October	1	0	1	-
November	1	2	2	-



December	3	1	2	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>

2. The number of DVPOs issued by the court between 8 March 2014 and 31 March 2017 was as follows:

Month	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	-	2	0	2
February	-	0	0	1
March	-	4	2	3
April	-	1	1	-
May	-	3	1	-
June	-	1	3	-
July	-	3	1	-
August	3	0	4	-
September	4	3	0	-
October	1	0	1	-
November	1	2	2	-
December	3	1	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>

3. The number of DVPN/DVPOs breached between 8 March 2014 and 31 March 2017 was as follows:

Month	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	-	0	0	1
February	-	0	0	1
March	-	0	0	0
April	-	0	0	-
May	-	2	0	-
June	-	0	2	-
July	-	0	0	-
August	0	0	1	-
September	2	1	2	-
October	0	0	0	-
November	0	0	0	-
December	0	0	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

4. Domestic abuse officers historically fall under the remit of the Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) directorate, all officers within the force are however trained and will be involved in aspects of domestic abuse.

The PVP directorate will investigate Domestic Abuse and high level/complex investigations; however in 2014 a dedicated Domestic Abuse team was also created to deal with repeated Domestic Abuse cases, risk assessing and the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process

The below table provides the number of PVP Officers and Staff. Please note data is only available from 2011 onwards:

Year	Police Officer	Police Staff	Total
31.03.11	44.81	35.34	80.15
31.03.12	46.91	35.41	82.33
31.03.13	46.35	33.70	80.05
31.03.14	49.98	29.93	79.90
31.03.15	87.46	36.92	124.38
31.03.16	87.09	44.41	131.50
31.03.17	101.61	51.45	153.06

The below table provides the number of Officers and Staff within the dedicated Domestic abuse teams:

Year	Police Officer	Police Staff	Total
31.03.14	0.90	8.91	9.81
31.03.15	1.80	10.25	12.05
31.03.16	1.80	13.00	14.80
31.03.17	1.80	10.35	12.15

- Between the years of 2009 to 2014, Domestic Abuse was within the remit of the Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) directorate, however in 2014 the Constabulary enhanced our response to Domestic Abuse by creating dedicated DA teams that are still in force now.

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 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 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](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
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