

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 006926-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 23 October 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many adult men and women have been reported missing in Suffolk in the last two years (since 1 October 2015)?*
2. *Of these, (i) how many were subsequently found safe and well; (ii) how many were later found dead (anywhere), and (iii) how many are still missing?*
3. *What has been the cost to date of the search for the missing airman, Corrie McKeague?*
4. *How much of this cost has been borne (or will be borne) by Suffolk Constabulary?*
5. *If the whole cost has not been, or is not being, borne by Suffolk Constabulary, who else has provided (or is providing) the funding, and in what amount or amounts?*
6. *What is the estimated cost to Suffolk Constabulary of the further search for Mr McKeague to be carried out at the Milton landfill site?*
7. *How many police man (or woman) hours have been expended to date in the search for Mr McKeague?*
8. *How many further such hours is it estimated will be spent in the continuing search for Mr McKeague?*
9. *In respect of each of the other adult men or women who have been reported missing in Suffolk since 1 October 2015: (a) What has been the cost to Suffolk Constabulary of the search for those subsequently found (alive or dead), and (b) What has been the cost to Suffolk Constabulary, in each case, of the search for those who remain missing, and in respect of these missing persons (i) on what date did they go missing, and (ii) is an active search for them continuing?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 23 October 2017

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

1. A total of 1,762 adults (2277 incidents) have been reported ‘missing’ and 50 adults (52 incidents) reported ‘absent’ to Suffolk Constabulary from 1 October 2015 – 30 September 2017.
2. Of the above the following applies, noting that the system provides outcomes by incident, as opposed to person. Please note that there are additional categories for harm suffered.

- 22 missing incidents reported as found dead
 - 2093 missing incidents reported no harm suffered
 - 13 currently missing
3. The cost of the landfill search is £1,291,181. This figure does not include salary costs or costs incurred to backfill officers who have been drafted in for the search.
 4. The total cost has been borne by the collaborative budget for the Joint Major Investigation Team (MIT).
 5. As above.
 6. To date, the current estimate of the extended search is £240,000.
 7. The number of man hours expended is not held however, there are currently 10 police officers working full time on the search at the landfill site. In addition to this a varying number of police officers and police staff are working on enquiries into the circumstances of the disappearance of Corrie McKeague. The staffing numbers will vary depending on the needs of the investigation and any urgent demands on the constabulary.
 8. Information concerning projected staff hours is not held, however we would refer you to point 7 above.
 9. The Constabulary only holds financial figures associated with missing person's investigations with an assigned operational name. Financial figures allocated to other missing person's investigations are embedded within policing budgets and cannot be extracted.

In addition to the above mentioned investigation, the MIT have located one additional missing person investigation as follows:

Operation Seminar was the investigation into the murder of Peter and Sylvia Stuart in January 2016. The total cost of the investigation to date is £174,622, which are joint costs split 56.8/43.2 between Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies.

Ali Qazimaj has been convicted of the murder of Peter Stuart however, Sylvia Stuart remains missing.

There is currently no active searching taking place, although when information comes in to the Major incident Room a reactive response is considered.

Further information can be found on the Constabulary's website:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/newsandevents/appeals/2016/murderinvestigationweybread.aspx>



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*

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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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