

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 00-17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 8 November 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many requests have been made under the disclosure scheme for domestic abuse or ‘Clare’s law’ since it was introduced in 2014?”*
2. *How many disclosures were made?*
3. *How many requests were rejected and what reasons were given?*

*Please break the data down by calendar year”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 8 November 2017

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

A search has been completed for all applications received by the Constabulary concerning the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) for the 2014 – 2017 (up to August) calendar years.

1. The total number of applications received, is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Applications</b>
2014	65
2015	133
2016	403
Up to August 2017	412

2. The total number of disclosures made is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Disclosures</b>
2014	29
2015	66
2016	248
Up to August 2017	215

3. The total number of rejected applications are as follows:

Year	Rejections
2014	34
2015	67
2016	155
Up to August 2017	197

The reasons for the rejections, are recorded as follows:

Reasons for rejected applications
N/A - Application not relevant to Clares Law
Disclosure - Person at risk did not want a disclosure and stated they knew all previous convictions.
Applicant withdrew – support offered from DA Team
Non-disclosure but safety advice to be given from the DA Team
Applicant withdrew - no concerns following completion of research
During the process it was confirmed relationship has ended. No disclosure given.
Disclosure agreed - however DA team have been unable to contact. Record closed with no disclosure completed.
Application passed to another authority

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 01625 545 700