

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 007473-17

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 28 November 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“How many children under 18 have been reported missing in 2015/16 and 2016/17?”*
2. *Of these children, and of these reports, how many were in LAC?*
3. *Of these children, and of these reports, how many were marked with risk a) high, b) medium, c) low?”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 28 November 2017

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

1. The total number of children reported missing was as follows:

Year	Missing	Absent*
2015/16	642	84
2016/17	816	33

*During the 2016/17 year, it was agreed that the absent category would no longer be used for children.

2. The Constabulary cannot establish number of children missing from LAC, however we do have a recording function to record children missing from social services care, as follows:

Year	Missing	Absent*
2015/16	95	12
2016/17	46	6

3. Of those missing reports referred in question one, the number of cases categorised as low, medium and high, were as follows. Noting that the information supplied relates to missing reports, as opposed to missing children, as you can have multiple reports for any one child.



Year	High	Medium	Low	No apparent risk
2015/16	366	367	67	85
2016/17	397	564	87	33

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700