

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000100-19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 8 January 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

*"I am writing requesting details pertaining to visits to the homes of Registered Sex Offenders, often colloquially known as "home visits".*

*Specifically:*

- I. How many registered sex offenders (RSOs) has the force been monitoring in each year from December 2015 to December 2018.*
- II. How many surveillance visits, colloquially known as "home visits" have the force carried out in the home or fixed abode of RSOs being monitored by the force in each year from December 2015 to December 2018."*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 9 January 2019

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

1. The total number of offenders managed by Suffolk Constabulary is provided below. The data supplied relates to the year end, as at 31 December. This is therefore not a total for the whole year as the figures will fluctuate on a daily basis as offenders move in and out of the county, their records are archived or the offender is deceased.

The information does not include those offenders who were in prison.

| <b>Year End</b>  | <b>Total RSO managed by Suffolk</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 31 December 2015 | 702                                 |
| 31 December 2016 | 755                                 |
| 31 December 2017 | 806                                 |
| 31 December 2018 | 851                                 |

2. Information concerning the number of home visits carried out by the Constabulary is recorded by financial year totals.



The total number of home visits completed in each financial year is provided below, noting the 2018/19 financial year data is not currently available.

The figures have decreased in recent years; this is as a result of the new Risk Assessment tool (ARMS) introduced nationally during 2015, which resulted in many offenders' risk levels, and the subsequent number of visits required for some offenders, changing.

| <b>Financial Year End</b> | <b>Total RSO managed by Suffolk</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2014/15                   | 1,618                               |
| 2015/16                   | 1,327                               |
| 2016/17                   | 1,442                               |
| 2017/18                   | 1,227                               |

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 40 working 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