



## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000773-20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 20 February 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Can you confirm whether your force gives suspected victims of domestic abuse replacement phones if theirs have to be seized?”*
2. *If you have adopted this policy – when did you start it? How many phones do you have available to give to victims?*
3. *If you have not adopted this policy, do you intend to adopt it? When would this be?*
4. *If not, why have you chosen not to adopt it?”*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 18 March 2020

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

The Constabulary does not have a specific policy in relation to the provision of mobile phones to domestic abuse victims.

If we have to seize a victim’s phone, each case will be judged on its own merit and if it is felt appropriate in the circumstances to provide a mobile phone to support a victim whilst investigation of their phone is undertaken, then this can be done.

With advances in technology, it is now much more likely that the data on a mobile phone will be downloaded and the phone returned, unless there was an evidential necessity to retain it. Unfortunately, we do not have a recorded number of phones available.

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