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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001566-21

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 30 April, 2021 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"How many 'missing' episodes of children were recorded by your police force in the following years...*
 - a. *1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021*
 - b. *1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020*
 - c. *1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019*
 - d. *1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018*
 - e. *1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017*
2. *Please breakdown the number of 'missing' episodes by children in each year of Question 1 by local authority area.*
3. *How many different children were recorded as 'missing' by your police force in the following years...*
 - a. *1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021*
 - b. *1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020*
 - c. *1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019*
 - d. *1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018*
 - e. *1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017*
4. *Please breakdown the number of different children reported 'missing' in each year of Question 3 by local authority area.*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 30 April, 2021

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

1. The number of 'missing' episodes of children recorded by Suffolk Constabulary for the specified years are as follows:
 - a. 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021: 3013 missing reports
 - b. 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020: 2555 missing reports
 - c. 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019: 2856 missing reports
 - d. 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018: 2835 missing reports



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- e. 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017: 2606 missing reports
2. There is only one Local Authority that covers the entirety of Suffolk for missing children: Suffolk County Council.
3. The number of different children that were recorded as 'missing' by Suffolk Constabulary in the years specified are as follows:
 - a. 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021: 617 children
 - b. 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020: 747 children
 - c. 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019: 860 children
 - d. 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018: 925 children
 - e. 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017: 887 children
4. As above; there is only one Local Authority that covers the entirety of Suffolk for missing children: Suffolk County Council.

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*

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