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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001958-20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 9 June 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“Please can you tell me, as of June 8th 2020 in this force:*

1. a) *How many police officers have been specifically trained to attend to first reports of sexual violence?*  
  
b) *What the name of this type of officer is?*
2. a) *How many officers have been specifically trained to investigate reports of sexual violence?*  
  
b) *What the name of this type of officer is?*
3. *How many employees in total have been specifically trained to attend to reports or cases of sexual violence”*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 12 June 2020

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

Suffolk Constabulary used to have SOIT officers who went to the initial reports for victim management, but we then changed our approach, so that all front-line officers have had basic training to deal with victims.

The crisis worker now provides much of the service that SOITs (Sexual Offence Investigation Trained officers) used to. Victims are escorted to the SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre's) where we call our medical professionals and support workers to undertake the medical examinations. The medical examiner role used to be supported by the SOIT officers, hence there is no longer a requirement for such detailed training.

Further information concerning the SARC can be found within the specific force policy document: [https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/sexualassaultreferralcentre\\_0.pdf](https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/sexualassaultreferralcentre_0.pdf)

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