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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002361-20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 10 July 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"The number of people who have been reported missing to this force during the calendar year of 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020?"*
2. *The number of people reported missing who were then found during the calendar year of 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020?"*
3. *Can this be broken down by gender please?*
4. *Can this be broken down by ethnicity please?*
5. *Can this be broken down by each age range from 0-10, 10-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60, 60-70, 70+, please?"*
6. *The number of people who have been reported as missing to this force during the lockdown period from 23rd March 2020 – 4th July 2020?"*
7. *The number of people reported missing who were then found during the lockdown period from 23rd March 2020 – 4th July 2020?"*
8. *Can this be broken down by gender please?*
9. *Can this be broken down by ethnicity please?"*
10. *Can this be broken down by each age range from 0-10, 10-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60, 60-70, 70+, please?"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 13 July 2020

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

1. The number of people reported missing during the calendar years 2017 - 2019, is as follows:

01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017 – there were 1965 people reported missing

01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018 – there were 1874 people reporting missing

01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019 – there were 1631 people reported missing

2. The number of people reported missing who were then found, is provided below. Please note, the Constabulary's missing persons system does not identify in what year the persons found were reported missing. Therefore, there may be people that were found in 2017 that had been reported missing before 01/01/2017, for example.



01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017 – there were 1972 people found

01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018 – there were 1881 people found

01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019 – there were 1649 people found

3. The gender of those reported missing and found, is as follows:

Year	Male	Female	Transgender
People reported missing			
2017	1181	777	7
2018	1082	790	2
2019	981	646	4
People found			
2017	1189	776	7
2018	1086	793	2
2019	992	953	4

4. The ethnicity of those reported missing and found, is as follows:

Persons reported missing			
Ethnicity	2017	2018	2019
Any other Asian background	20	22	13
Any other Black background	24	21	22
Any other Ethnic group	25	11	12
Any other Mixed background	31	28	35
Any other White background	119	75	45
Bangladeshi	4	2	1
Black African	16	19	19
Black Caribbean	10	9	12
Chinese	2	3	5
Indian	7	5	6
Not Stated	95	90	90
Pakistani	1	0	3
White and Asian	1	5	8
White and Black African	7	12	6
White and Black Caribbean	14	19	18
White British	1566	1546	1328



White Irish	4	8	6
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Persons Found			
Ethnicity	2017	2018	2019
Any other Asian background	21	22	15
Any other Black background	24	21	23
Any other Ethnic group	24	13	13
Any other Mixed background	31	28	35
Any other White background	119	76	47
Bangladeshi	4	2	1
Black African	17	20	19
Black Caribbean	10	10	11
Chinese	2	3	5
Indian	8	5	6
Not Stated	95	90	91
Pakistani	1	0	4
White and Asian	2	5	8
White and Black African	7	12	6
White and Black Caribbean	14	19	18
White British	1570	1546	1331
White Irish	4	4	6

5. The age ranges of those persons reported missing and found, is provided below. Please note that the age ranges have been amended so as to not count people in multiple categories.

Persons reported missing			
Age	2017	2018	2019
01-10	76	60	46
11-20	985	924	798
21-30	296	282	233
31-40	196	199	213
41-50	168	166	142
51-60	114	102	95
61-70	36	52	40
71+	96	90	67



Persons found			
Age	2017	2018	2019
01-10	76	59	45
11-20	986	928	810
21-30	305	283	236
31-40	197	201	212
41-50	166	169	145
51-60	113	100	94
61-70	36	52	40
71+	97	90	69

6. There were 424 people reported missing between 23/03/2020 and 04/07/2020.
7. There were 428 people found between 23/03/2020 and 04/07/2020. As previously stated above; the missing persons database will not identify when the persons found were originally reported as missing, so the figures for questions 6 and 7 do not necessarily relate to the same people.
8. The gender of the persons reported missing and found, is as follows:

Gender	Missing	Found
Male	225	224
Female	198	203
Transgender	1	1

9. The ethnicity of the persons reported missing and found, is as follows:

Ethnicity	Missing	Found
Any other Asian background	2	2
Any other Black background	8	8
Any other Ethnic group	11	11
Any other Mixed background	11	12
Any other White background	10	11
Bangladeshi	1	1



Black African	8	8
Black Caribbean	3	3
Chinese	1	1
Indian	0	0
Not Stated	24	24
Pakistani	0	0
White and Asian	1	1
White and Black African	3	3
White and Black Caribbean	5	6
White British	341	347
White Irish	2	2

10. The age of those persons reported missing and found, is as follows:

Age	Missing	Found
01-10	7	7
11-20	212	212
21-30	60	58
31-40	52	52
41-50	36	38
51-60	22	21
61-70	14	14
71+	15	15

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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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:

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