



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002828-20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 19 August 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“The cause of death of fatal missing person cases from the year 2019/2020; specifically:*

*Please provide a count of all cases of a missing person recorded in the Suffolk Constabulary area who were found deceased during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 (to include cases where the individual was initially reported missing prior to this period);*

*With the count above (a) as the total, please provide sub-totals for the cause of death recorded in these cases (e.g. accident, suicide, homicide, natural causes, unknown); and If possible, please provide information on the age of missing people in each cause of death category (under 18 / 18 an over / not known) and their gender (male / female / other / not known).*

*In addition, please also provide the same data from 2018/2019.”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 28 August 2020

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

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's missing persons database for all missing persons who were subsequently found deceased.

During the 2019/20 financial year, a total of 12 missing persons were found deceased. The details for which are as follows:

<b>2019/20</b>	<b>Accident</b>	<b>Suicide</b>	<b>Homicide</b>	<b>Natural Causes</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Age</b>					
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0
Over 18	0	4	0	2	6
Age not recorded	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	0	4	0	1	5
Female	0	0	0	1	1



Other	0	0	0	0	0
Not Known	0	0	0	0	0

During the 2018/19 financial year, a total of 11 missing persons were found deceased. The details for which are as follows:

2018/19	Accident	Suicide	Homicide	Natural Causes	Unknown
<b>Age</b>					
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0
Over 18	3	5	0	0	3
Age not recorded	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	3	2	0	0	3
Female	0	3	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Not Known	0	0	0	0	0

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