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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003374-20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 8 October 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

*“As part of Operation Encompass how many contacts did your police force make to schools about domestic abuse incidents in:*

*January - December 2019*

*January - October 2020 (as up to date as possible)*

*If you don't operate the Operation Encompass Scheme, but a similar scheme then please explain what scheme you run and give figures for the scheme you do operate for the dates above.”*

## **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 24 October 2020

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

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained Key Adult (DSL) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident thus enabling appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

Please be aware that due to the closure of schools during lockdown, we were unable to send a higher number of DVA's to schools. This is due to being unable to confirm where the children attended with the schools recorded on their record, as some school offices were closed or unstaffed as a result of the pandemic. However, where we were unable to send this notification to school the information was still recorded on the child's record.

Each DV Incident received may name multiple children, therefore in some of these cases multiple DVA Notifications have been sent as the children can often attend different schools. Therefore, the number of DVA Notifications sent to schools may be different to the number of incidents received.

The data recorded between January 2019 and September 2019 may not be 100% accurate, a new process was put in place in October 2019 which allowed for more accurate recording of the data received and data sent to school. Therefore, the data recorded prior would not have been as



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accurately stored and recorded.

Month	Notifications Sent	Additional Notes
January 2019	71	
February 2019	232	
March 2019	153	
April 2019	109	
May 2019	137	
June 2019	203	
July 2019	54	Limited data recorded during July 19, most likely due to start of summer holiday period
August 2019	0	No DVA's were sent over the summer holidays period, and no spreadsheets have been saved for August 19 data
September 2019	125	
October 2019	241	
November 2019	271	
December 2019	293	
January 2020	334	
February 2020	349	
March 2020	337	
April 2020	208	
May 2020	257	
June 2020	342	
July 2020	330	This figure includes data up to and including 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020. All DVA's received starting from 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020 were recorded on child's records for information purposes due to schools being closed for summer holidays
August 2020	0	No DVA's sent to Schools due to summer holiday period, all DVA's received were recorded on child's record for information purposes
September 2020	368	
October 2020	127	Up to and including 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2020

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