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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003505-20

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 20 October 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Missing children and adults, mental health and suicide 2020”

March 2020 – September 2020

- 1) *How many missing children and adults’ incidents were recorded as high, medium and low risk in each month from March 2020 to September 2020?*
- 2) *Of the high risk cases, in each month what number of the missing incidents were reported from:*
 - a) *Home*
 - b) *Hospital*
 - c) *Care settings*
 - d) *Other (please provide a list of the other types of locations recorded)*
- 3) *In what number of incidents was a suicide marker recorded in each month?*
 - a) *Please provide these figures broken down by gender*
 - b) *Please provide these figures broken down by risk assessment level*
- 4) *In what number of incidents was a self-harm marker recorded in each month?*
 - a) *Please provide these figures broken down by gender*
 - b) *Please provide these figures broken down by risk assessment level*
- 5) *What outcomes were recorded in each month at the point of case closure (for example, found safe and well, found deceased, experienced harm, etc.)*

March 2019 – September 2019

- 6) *How many missing children and adults’ incidents were recorded as high, medium and low risk in each month from March 2019 to September 2019?*
- 7) *Of the high risk cases, in each month what number of the missing incidents were reported from:*
 - a) *Home*
 - b) *Hospital*
 - c) *Care settings*



- d) *Other (please provide a list of the other types of locations recorded)*
- 8) *In what number of incidents was a suicide marker recorded in each month?*
a) *Please provide these figures broken down by gender*
b) *Please provide these figures broken down by risk assessment level*
- 9) *In what number of incidents was a self-harm marker recorded in each month?*
a) *Please provide these figures broken down by gender*
b) *Please provide these figures broken down by risk assessment level*
- 10) *What outcomes were recorded in each month at the point of case closure (for example, found safe and well, found deceased, experienced harm, etc.)”*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 23 October 2020

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

The information provided below confirms the total number of occasions a missing person incident was recorded between March and September inclusive, for the 2019 and 2020 calendar years.

Please note that the Constabulary's missing persons database does not have a self-harm or suicide marker and we can therefore not answer this part of the request.

March – September 2020

The total number of missing children and adult incidents for March – September 2020, is provided below by risk level.

Risk Level	Children	Adults
High Risk	547	225
Medium Risk	1260	341
Low Risk	68	74

The location from which the high-risk persons were reported missing from, is as follows:



Location		Children	Adults
Home		375	198
Hospital		3	8
Care Settings		162	2
Other	Detention	0	1
	Leisure Facilities	0	1
	MHA Patient (Voluntary)	0	1
	MHA Patient Sectioned	1	8
	Place of Education	5	0
	Place of Employment	0	1
	Street	1	7

The outcomes for those missing persons closed within the respective month, is as follows:

Children 2020							
Outcome	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Suffered Harm	8	4	5	2	9	9	8
Suffered no Harm	234	138	192	232	306	304	328
Found Deceased	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Adults 2020							
Outcome	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Suffered Harm	9	4	4	4	7	8	5
Suffered no Harm	72	53	66	89	88	96	83
Found Deceased	2	0	0	0	0	0	3

March – September 2019

The total number of missing children and adult incidents for March – September 2019, is provided below by risk level.

Risk Level	Children	Adults
High Risk	330	257
Medium Risk	1377	379
Low Risk	46	99

The location from which the high-risk persons were reported missing from, is as follows:



Location		Children	Adults
Home		256	224
Hospital		3	22
Care Settings		52	2
Other	MHA Patient (Voluntary)	0	2
	MHA Patient Sectioned	0	4
	Place of Education	15	0
	Special Event Category	0	1
	Street	2	2
	Town Centre	2	0

The outcomes for those missing persons closed within the respective month, is as follows:

Children 2019							
Outcome	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Suffered Harm	10	4	7	12	6	2	0
Suffered no Harm	213	250	215	267	279	189	210
Found Deceased	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Adults 2019							
Outcome	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Suffered Harm	3	9	4	12	12	7	9
Suffered no Harm	59	82	81	88	95	101	74
Found Deceased	0	0	0	1	2	3	1

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