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## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003624-20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 29 October 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1. "I have the total number of your Use of Force forms/ reports submitted for January to end March 2020 as 886 and January to end March 2019 as 814 is that correct?"*
- 2. I am looking for the total number of your Use of Force forms/reports submitted for April 1st 2019 to 31st May 2019 and, as a separate number, 1st April 2020 to 31st May 2020."*

### **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 4 November 2020

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

1. The total figures for January to end March 2020 and January to end March 2019 are correct.
2. The total number of Use of Force forms/reports submitted for April 1st 2019 to 31st May 2019 and 1st April 2020 to 31st May 2020, is as follows:

1st April 2019 to 31st May 2019 - 559

1st April 2020 to 31st May 2020 - 672

It should be noted that a report is completed by each officer regarding the use of force by themselves. Therefore, if three officers attend an incident and use force on one person this will result in three reports being submitted.

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