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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 000120/17

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 5th January 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 Please can you tell me how many currently unsolved missing persons cases you have on file, where the person has been missing for a year or more.
- 2 For each case, please tell me:
 - A When the missing person first came to the attention of police
 - B The name and age of the missing person
 - C A brief description of the case, for example the last sightings, any evidence as to why and how they went missing (can be kept short to stay within FOI time/cost restrictions)
 - E If this case has been reclassified from a missing person case to a murder case: when was the person reported missing and when was the case reclassified
 - F If this case is classified as a 'cold case' (or equivalent terminology): when it was given this classification
 - G If this case has been reopened: when it was reopened.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

- Q1 The Constabulary has, at the time of your request, 50 unsolved missing person cases, where the individual has been missing for a year or more.

Date Reported to Police	Details
02/09/1969	Steven Paul NEWING. 11 years old at the time of his disappearance. Steven left his family home around 10pm on 2 nd September 1969.
22/07/1974	10 year old girl got into difficulties swimming off Winterton Gap. A rescue attempt by a family member was not successful.
19/06/1975	63 year old male, on returning home, told his daughter he had attempted suicide by walking into the sea. The following morning he was missing and has not been seen since.
06/12/1976	39 year old male last seen getting into a dinghy after a boat on which he was travelling with his brother in law lost power.
14/06/1977	50 year old male reported missing from a mental health hospital in Kings Lynn.
07/09/1977	53 year old male reported missing. Was suffering from depression and illness. Not thought to be suicidal at the time of his disappearance.

21/07/1977	58 year old female. Had been missing on a previous occasion during the same year and found on Haven Bridge, Great Yarmouth. She had previously threatened suicide and said she would throw herself in the river. Area was searched.
04/12/1979	36 year male. Male fitting his description last seen walking along quay in Great Yarmouth. Had previously attempted suicide by jumping in the river in Great Yarmouth.
26/11/1980	24 year old male was swimming ashore having abandoned ship. The yacht on which he was aboard began to flounder. His death was registered after an inquest in 1983.
02/01/1981	79 year old male was last seen at home on 2 nd January 1981. Male was vague and confused when last seen by his son.
19/12/1984	27 year old female reported missing from a woman's refuge.
29/10/1985	Around 2145hrs, 46 year old male seen to leave the Silver Star pub and cross the road to his ship. Last seen sitting on the river wall.
19/12/1985	48 year old female left home to buy cigarettes and did not return home. Had previously taken an overdose.
24/01/1987	32 year old female suffering from severe post-natal depression and a section 3 mental health patient.
16/08/1990	35 year old female was working for a French family. In the UK on holiday caught a train to visit her aunt in London. It is recorded that she never caught the train.
11/02/1992	43 year old female booked to go to London to look for work and was due to return on 9 th February 1992 but failed to do so.
11/11/1996	35 year old male. During an exercise to move a barge, a tow rope was caught and the vessel, with the Sea Captain aboard, capsized. No body was ever recovered.
11/05/1998	34 year old male and his friend went out to sea on his boat. Both were thrown from the boat. The female swam ashore but the male has not been seen since.
07/03/2007	24 year old Terry McSPADDEN reported missing by his mother because she had not been able to contact his mobile phone. Further details can be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website via the following link: https://www.norfolk.police.uk/news/cold-cases/terry-mcspadden
17/08/2007	16 year old female went missing during school trip to London. Last seen with other children in Trafalgar Square.
04/02/2008	20 year old reported missing from the University of East Anglia. Checks have been undertaken but no record of them leaving the Country.
17/03/2008	35 year old Daniel HALL was on holiday in Thailand and was last seen by a friend after a beach party. His passport and belongings were found at his accommodation. Daniel was the subject of a Crimewatch appeal in February 2013.
24/07/2008	17 year old female arrived in the UK on 12 th July. She was placed in foster care and absconded on 14 th July. Later retrieved from London and returned to care of Social Services.
14/01/2009	12 year old found in rear of a vehicle container with others. Placed into foster care but reported missing the following day.
14/01/2009	10 year old found in rear of a vehicle container with others. Placed into foster care but reported missing the following day.
16/01/2009	16 year old left to travel to Birmingham but did not take any phone or possessions.
19/01/2009	16 year old male asylum seeker was placed into supported housing. 2 reported sightings on 22 nd January 2009.
20/08/2009	40 year old male left the YMCA taking all belongings. He was going to get a bus or train but did not state where he was going.
30/01/2010	32 year old Agnieszka MARCINIAKI . Missing from hospital following the birth of her baby. Further details can be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website via the following link: https://www.norfolk.police.uk/content/missing-persons/agnieszka-marciniaki
09/03/2010	44 year old male reported missing. Left his flat, taking his mountain bike and his collie dog.

24/05/2010	22 year old Emma WARD . Her husband was found guilty of her murder in April 2011, Further details of this can be found on the BBC and Eastern Daily Press websites via the links provided below: http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/crime/murder_trial_background_friends_pay_tribute_to_norfolk_woman_emma_ward_1_863970 http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-norfolk-12988347
02/08/2010	49 year old male, whose business was in financial difficulties, reported missing. It is believed he may have travelled abroad to avoid debtors.
04/05/2011	36 year old female moved abroad in 2001 to live with her boyfriend. She was due to return to the UK in 2007 but did not return and there has been no contact since.
30/06/2011	51 year old David Lidgley reported missing. Had previous episodes of going missing. There were two sightings of the male in January and July 2012.
16/01/2012	11 month child. A court order had been obtained for removal of the child from their mother.
16/01/2012	5 year old child – linked to above.
01/03/2012	59 year old male but a history of attempted suicide reported missing. Had left his neighbour/friend a note saying he was not coping.
16/05/2012	38 year old Luke BRAMPTON . Further details can be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website via the following link: http://www.norfolk.police.uk/content/missing-persons/luke-brampton
25/06/2013	44 year old Stephen THOMPSON . Further details can be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website via the following link: https://www.norfolk.police.uk/content/missing-persons/stephen-thompson
17/09/2013	53 year old male reported missing following a family disagreement.
10/10/2013	51 year old Trevor ROBINSON . Was subject of a BBC Look East appeal in November 2014. After being admitted to hospital, Trevor was last seen getting into a taxi and leaving the site.
10/03/2014	46 year old Andrew PORTER & 2 friends went out on a boat and failed to return home. The body of one male, along with the boat, was recovered.
10/03/2014	79 year old Malcom SAYER . Linked to above.
17/03/2014	8 year old male reported missing by Children's Services. His school had been informed that he would not be returning. It is believed his mother has taken him out of the Country. There were 2 reported sightings in March and April 2014.
28/04/2014	17 year old Klodjan CEJKU . Further details can be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website via the following link: http://www.norfolk.police.uk/content/missing-persons/klodjan-cejku
01/12/2014	34 year old male reported missing from St Martin's Housing in Norwich. Has not been seen since.
18/12/2014	26 year old Owoidoho IKIDDE . Further details can be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website via the following link: http://www.norfolk.police.uk/content/missing-persons/owoidoho-ikidde
03/08/2015	16 year old male, who had entered the UK illegally, reported missing. Following a stay in foster care was moved to Kings Lynn. Did not return from a day out with a friend.
14/06/2016	48 year male reported missing as he has not made any contact with his family for 2 years.
03/07/2016	28 year old female went missing following an argument at her home address. Police attended but the female was not located.

Links have been provided where further details of the circumstances of the missing people are already published and available to view.

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means, therefore in

accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for these parts of your request.

In some cases the names have not been provided. In these cases the exemption at section 40(2) has been engaged.

Section 40(2) – Whilst Section 40 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the harm or public interest test there is a requirement under sub-section 40(2), if the information requested relates to third parties, to articulate why disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act principles. The exemption at section 40(2) is relevant is the release of the personal information would be a breach of any of the 8 principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Personal Data means data that relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data or from that data and other data that is in the possession of or likely to come into the possession of the data controller.

Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act states that Personal Data shall be processed fairly and lawfully.

The latest advice from the Information Commissioner, when applying the exemption at section 40(2), is to firstly consider fairness. Fairness relates to consideration of expectation and consequences in relation to the use of a person's personal data.

It is reasonable to assume that members of the public would expect the Constabulary to keep their details confidential and in accordance with the Data Protection Act and, that information would not be made publicly available by releasing details via the Freedom of Information process. Once released this information is published on the Norfolk Constabulary website and is therefore available to any internet user. Even though someone is reported to us as missing, this does not mean that their personal information should be released into the public domain.

In each case, careful consideration will be given as to whether releasing the details of the missing person and/or the circumstances, will be beneficial to the enquiry, and assist in locating them. In some cases, members of the missing person's family have specifically requested that the details of their missing relatives are not made public. The Constabulary will also consider making information public when there are concerns in relation to the accuracy of the information already reported or already known in the public domain.

For these reasons we believe that releasing further details of the individual's into the public domain would not be fair and would be a breach of Principle 1.

This response serves as a refusal notice under Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act by virtue of the application of the exemption 40(2) of the Act for these parts of your request.