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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001341/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 8th April 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

Please provide a response to the following: It is most likely that the directorate of Professional Standards or similar department would be best placed to respond to the following requests;

Request 01:

During and for the periods;
01st January, 2016 to 31st December 2016.
01st January, 2017 to 31st December 2017.
01st January, 2018 to 31st December 2018.

The information sort should be taken only from the Professional Standards department's databases such as Centurion or equivalent (or whatever database is used to make such records for the force).

For the following responses I am interested in Special Constables regardless of their rank or grade. For response one I am interested in Special Constables within your force (i.e. under the direction and control of your Chief Constable/Commissioner) who have been subject to a public complaint under The Police Reform Act. Only report those which are on the Professional Standards records, not those which are recorded on other local force systems.

Response 1 (A); Total number of Public Complaints for each period where at least one Special Constable was a subject to a complaint.

Response 1 (B); Total number of Special Constables (during the same periods) who were a subject in a public complaint.

For 1(B) above - where more than one SC are subject to the same complaint, count each officer as a separate number to add to the total.

For 1(B) above - count separately the same officer if they appear as a subject on separate occasions during any period (i.e. have more than one complaint in any period).

For 1(A&B) above - Please disregard the number of allegations arising from any single complaint.

Request 02:

During and for the periods;
01st January, 2016 to 31st December 2016.
01st January, 2017 to 31st December 2017.

01st January, 2018 to 31st December 2018.

The information sort should be taken only from the Professional Standards department's databases such as Centurion or equivalent (or whatever database is used to make such records for the force).

For the following responses I am interested in Special Constables regardless of their rank or grade. For response two I am interested in Special Constables within your force (i.e. under the direction and control of your Chief Constable/Commissioner) who have been subject to a conduct assessment under the Police (Conduct) Regulations. Only report those which are on the Professional Standards records, not those which are recorded on other local force systems. If your force only records conduct assessments that proceed to an investigation then count these but advise that this is the case.

Response 2 (A); Total number of conduct assessments for each period where at least one Special Constable was an officer to the assessment.

Response 2 (B); Total number of Special Constables for each period subject to a conduct assessment (i.e. in the case of two or more SCs involved in an incident where a conduct assessment was undertaken).

For 2(B) above - where more than one SC is subject to a conduct assessment arising from the same incident count each officer as a separate number to add to the total.

For 2(B) above - count separately the same officer if they appear as a subject on separate occasions during any period (i.e. have more than one conduct assessment in any period).

For 1(A&B) above - Please disregard the number of allegations arising from any single incident.

Request 03:

Does your force deliver any training to Special Constables (of all ranks and grades) around prevention of misconduct?

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 23rd April 2019.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have located the following information as relevant to your request.

Question 1:-

A review of public complaint cases has been undertaken to identify complaints against members of the Special Constabulary.

Year Complaint Recorded	Number of Complaint Cases	Total Number of Special Constables linked to Public Complaints
NORFOLK		
2016	12	15
2017	13	15
2018	4	4
SUFFOLK		

2016	14	16
2017	6	8
2018	4	6

Question 2:-

A review of internal conduct cases has been undertaken to identify cases linked to members of the Special Constabulary.

Year Complaint Recorded	Number of Internal Conduct Cases	Total Number of Special Constables linked to Conduct Cases
NORFOLK		
2016	2	2
2017	4	4
2018	1	1
SUFFOLK		
2016	0	0
2017	1	1
2018	4	4

Question 3:-

All members of the Special Constabulary receive a Professional Standards Department input on standards and behaviours during their Induction Training.