



June 2020

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001743/20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many deaths in your custody have occurred in each of the last five full calendar years, and 2020 to date, broken down by year.
- 2 Please break this down by police station responsible, ethnicity of the deceased, and whether force was used against them by officers, and if so, what sort of force, broken down by year. And please could you confirm whether an IOPC investigation took place after any death. And whether it was self-referred.

### **Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below.

The Joint Professional Standards Department has undertaken a review of their records from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Please see results below:

NORFOLK: No relevant records.

SUFFOLK: 3 relevant records

#### **2015**

Male became unwell on arrival at the Bury St Edmunds Police Investigation Centre and was taken to hospital. The ethnicity of the deceased is recorded as White. The further requested details can be found on the IOPC website via the link provided:

<https://policeconduct.gov.uk/recommendations/man-dies-after-becoming-unwell-custody-suffolk-constabulary-december-2015>

#### **2017**

Male became unwell on transportation to Great Yarmouth Police Investigation Centre and was taken to hospital. The ethnicity of the deceased is recorded as White. He was handcuffed by police. The further requested details can be found on the IOPC website via the link provided:

<https://policeconduct.gov.uk/news/ipcc-investigate-death-man-following-arrest-suffolk-police>

#### **2019**

Male became unwell on arrival at Bury St Edmunds Police Investigation Centre and was taken to hospital. The ethnicity of the deceased is recorded as White. No force or restraint was used. Further details can be found on the Suffolk Constabulary website:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/news/latest-news/08-11-2019/bury-st-edmunds-man-dies-after-arrest>

Where links have been provided, section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act has been engaged. 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.