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### Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 002281/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 I would like the total number of incidents with a domestic tag, but no longer require a break down by crime. Separately, I would also like the total number of crimes and a breakdown of the crimes that fall into the following four categories: murder; all violence against the person offences; rape; all sexual offences. No further breakdown is required.
- 2 Please can I only have the total number of arrests for crimes, irrespective of when the crimes took place, I no longer need a breakdown by crime.
- 3 Please can I only have the total number of charges for crimes, irrespective of when the crimes took place, I no longer need a breakdown by crime.

If you are able to fill in the below table I would greatly appreciate it – I am hoping it reduces your workload and makes my request clearer.

	2019	2020		
	April	May	April	May
Q1 Total incidents with a domestic abuse tag				
Q1 Total crimes with a domestic abuse tag				
Q1 Breakdown of crimes with domestic abuse tag				
Murder				
All violence against the person offences				
Rape				
All sexual offences				
Q2 Total number of arrests for crimes with domestic abuse tag				
Q3 Total number of charges for crimes with domestic abuse tag				

### Response to your Request

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

The previously disclosed figures have been provided below with the breakdown as requested. The figures are therefore correct as at 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

As previously advised, research was undertaken of recorded incidents, crimes and arrests from three separate sets of data. With regard to incidents, following national best practice guidance, Suffolk Constabulary has adjusted the methodology of tagging incidents within the Control Room. This has led to a significant increase in captured incidents which is then transferred into crime reports.

The arrest figures have been extracted from the custody database and have not been cross-referenced with the incident and crime records. The number of arrests will be lower than the number of crimes/incidents, a suspect may be arrested and investigated as a result of multiple crimes being recorded.

Where the numbers of charges have been provided, it should be noted that crimes will still be under investigation and the figures are likely to change.

NORFOLK	2019		2020	
	April	May	April	May
Total incidents with a domestic abuse tag	1262	1238	1146	1101
Total crimes with a domestic abuse tag. Offence breakdown below:	775	881	1019	1010
Murder	0	0	0	0
All violence against the person offences	592	680	827	818
Rape	29	26	23	31
All other sexual offences	9	16	10	15
Total number of arrests for crimes with a domestic abuse tag	241	288	224	275
Total number of charges for crimes with a domestic abuse tag	78	79	57	27

SUFFOLK	2019		2020	
	April	May	April	May
Total incidents with a domestic abuse tag	377	363	993	1151
Total crimes with a domestic abuse tag. Offence breakdown below:	612	664	737	773
Murder	0	0	0	0
All violence against the person offences	507	527	619	628
Rape	13	25	22	18
All other sexual offences	6	12	11	11
Total number of arrests for crimes with a domestic abuse tag	225	245	224	222
Total number of charges for crimes with a domestic abuse tag	46	67	40	32

There is information on both the Norfolk and Suffolk websites, for victims of domestic abuse, which was updated to provide reassurance during the lockdown period:

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/advice/assault-abuse-threats/domestic-abuse>

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/assault-abuse-threats/domestic-abuse>