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Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 002380/19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 1st July 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 From 2013 to 2018, a year by year breakdown of the number of missing persons and the number of reported absent persons (separated figures e.g. 2000 missing persons and 500 absent persons). If possible, please state the number who were 18 or over and the number under 18 for both the missing and absent categories.
- 2 Your force policy/guidance on whether a person is reported as missing or absent.
- 3 While I appreciate it is unlikely you have the data, if you do please provide any data you have relating to the policing costs for missing people and absent people.

If no data is held for question 3 then I understand that and please just provide details for numbers 1 and 2. If data doesn't go as far back as 2013 then please just provide data as far back as possible.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 8th July 2019.

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

Q1

Year	Adults Reported Missing	Children Reported Missing	Reported Absent
2013	1014	1126	0
2014	786	1723	2 adults
2015	1014	1193	351 adults
2016	1224	1678	706 adults
2017	1345	2581	242 adults
2018	1366	2305	204 adults

Q2 Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies no longer record any child, whose whereabouts are not known, as absent.

All persons will be recorded as missing and will be risk assessed from 'no apparent risk (absent)' through to 'high-risk'.

Q3 No information held.