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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/007326/O

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 04/08/2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Thanks very much for your response, and my apologies for the delay on getting back to you.

I understand that this element of the FOI request can't be fulfilled around identifying suicide cases from the system.

Will you be able to provide answers to the other questions in the FOI request –

Question 1 - specifically around numbers of mental health cases from 2020 – 2024,

Question 2 - and information on suicide prevention training in place within the force?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located information relevant to your request.

Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1 –

Information held.

1. How many mental health incidents did your service respond to in these years? Please also indicate what percentage of total incidents were mental health incidents if possible:

- a) 2020 – 14434 calls/2.9%
- b) 2021 – 13027 calls /2.6%
- c) 2022 - 11641 calls/ 2.6%
- d) 2023 – 11643 calls/2.4%
- e) 2024 - 10470 calls/ 2.07%

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How many suicide attempts and self-inflicted incidents did your service respond to in these years? Please also indicate what percentage of total incidents were suicide attempts and self-inflicted incidents if possible:

Data set only available for suspected self-inflicted deaths. Derbyshire Constabulary does not collate data on suicide attempts due to their not being an accepted definition of what an attempt is, this leads to difficulty in identifying incidents of such nature.

- a) 2020 - 87 (partial data set only)
- b) 2021 - 90
- c) 2022 - 80
- d) 2023 - 92
- e) 2024 – 87

Question 2 –

Information held.

Suicide prevention is a critical area of awareness embedded across multiple training programmes and disciplines within the police service. All police officers and support staff are made aware of the importance of identifying and responding to individuals at risk of suicide through various stages of their professional development.

In particular, suicide prevention is addressed during initial police officer training, where recruits are introduced to key concepts around vulnerability, mental health, and safeguarding. Additionally, the organisation delivers dedicated vulnerability training to staff across all roles, reinforcing the importance of recognising signs of distress and ensuring appropriate interventions are made.

Protecting vulnerable individuals is a core priority for all staff. This includes ensuring that those experiencing suicidal thoughts or behaviours are treated with compassion and provided with access to the right support services. The training aims to equip staff with the knowledge and confidence to respond effectively, helping to prevent harm and uphold the safety and wellbeing of those in crisis.

In relation to this data please note the following:

- The data has been extracted from the Constabulary's Command and Control System which is, to all intent a 'living' system in that it is constantly being updated. As such the data can only be verified for the date/time extracted.
- Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this Constabulary's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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Right to Request a Review (Complaint)

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer

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If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to require the Derbyshire Constabulary to review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that Derbyshire Constabulary have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary to have the decision reviewed. **However, this request must be made within 40 working days from the date of our response.**

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to **Freedom of Information Officer, Derbyshire Police Headquarters, Butterley Hall, RIPLEY, Derbyshire, DE5 3RS** or via email at foi@derbyshire.police.uk

Where possible the Derbyshire Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days. However, meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, telephone or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF - Telephone: 0303 123 1113.

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