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 Our reference: 01/FOI/25/007338/S
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 Date: 19/08/2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/007338/S

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 05/08/2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Dear Police Force,

The Campaign for Racial Justice in Suicide Prevention is writing to request information on the following:

Question 1

- a) The number of suspected suicides and attempted suicides by ethnicity for the period 2000-2025.*
- b) A copy of the ethnicity dataset/codes used in such data recording.*

Clarification:

I thought all Police areas collected suspected suicide data via the real time suicide surveillance system (RTSS) and worked with local public health teams to review. I wonder if you could discuss this with your relevant team which may deal with mental health issues? Having worked in suicide prevention for many years, my understanding is that RTSS systems are set up for collecting data in line with national guidance. I am not sure if capturing of ethnicity data is happening within this process?

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 (a and b)-

Information held.

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The data pertains exclusively to suspected self-inflicted deaths and only covers the period from 2020 onwards, with 2021 being the first full year of data collection. Derbyshire has employed three different data collection methods over this time, each using a distinct approach to recording ethnicity. As a result, the data is presented in three separate tables to reflect these differences.

We do not collect data on attempted suicides, as there is no universally accepted definition of what constitutes an attempt. Such incidents are often subjectively interpreted, making it difficult to determine whether a particular case qualifies as an attempted suicide.

Year	Total suspected self-inflicted deaths	White British	Not stated	Asian/Asian British	Unknown/Not stated	Black - African/Afro Caribbean
2021	66	61	3	2		
2022	78	74			2	2

Year	Total suspected self-inflicted deaths	IC1 - White - North European	Unknown	IC4 - Asian	Mixed	IC3 - Black - African/Afro-Caribbean	IC2 - White - Dark European
2023	91	84	6	1			
2024	87	59	21	3	2	1	1

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Year	Total suspected self-inflicted deaths	Column2	White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	Prefer not to say	White - Other White Background
2025	54		43	10	1

Currently these codes are used for ethnicity data:

White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
White - Irish
White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
White - Roma
White - Other White Background (add to free-text)
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean
Mixed - White and Black African
Mixed - White and Asian
Mixed - Other Mixed Background (add to free-text)
Asian/Asian British - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
Asian/Asian British - Indian
Asian/Asian British - Pakistani
Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi
Asian/Asian British - Chinese
Asian/Asian British - Other Asian Background (add to free-text)
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
Black/Black British - African
Black/Black British - Caribbean
Other ethnic group - Arab
Other ethnic group - Any other ethnic group (add to free-text)
Prefer not to say

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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.

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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