

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: 8 - 2022

REQUEST DETAILS:

1. What road victims support services do you offer?
2. Who provides your road victims support services?
3. Who is eligible for road victim support?
4. What number/percentage of road victims receive road victims support?
5. What number/percentage of road victims do not take up an offer of road victims support?

RESPONSE

1. Road victims in Suffolk are able to access support provided by Brake through the National Road Victim Service. They support approximately 55 families in Suffolk a year. The Police and Crime Commissioner also jointly commissions Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care (NSVC) to provide a free, confidential support service specifically designed to help victims and witnesses of crime, including road crime.
2. Victim Support is the provider of Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care.
3. Victims and Witnesses can self-refer to Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care for practical and emotional support or be referred by Suffolk Constabulary.
4. In 2020/21 there were 32 new Road Crime referrals from Suffolk to NSVC. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does not hold information to confirm the percentage of road victims in Suffolk who receive support.
5. 2 of the referrals stated within the response to question 4 engaged with the NSVC support service within the stated year. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does not hold information to confirm the percentage of road victims in Suffolk who do not take up an offer of victim support.