



Reply to: Leah Smith
Telephone: 01953 424455
Date: 23 February 2026

Dear Member of Public,

RE: Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/262

I am writing in connection with your email dated 11 February 2026, in which you requested the following information:

I would like to request a copy of the Crime Commissioners report that was sent to the North Norfolk District council. This information was discussed at their meeting today (11th Feb 2026) and I would like to review what she has written to them with the importance of domestic abuse to see how the council will respond and act on this subject.

I have reviewed our records and can advise the following:

No report was sent by the PCC to North Norfolk District Council, however the PCC did write a letter to counsellors across the county regarding NIDAs services. I have attached a copy of this letter for your information.

Yours sincerely

L. Smith

Leah Smith
Complaints and Compliance Manager and FOI Decision Maker
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

Internal Review

If you think we have not supplied information in accordance with Section 1 (the General Right of Access) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, or you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, then you should write within 40 calendar days of the date of the response to:

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If you are dissatisfied in any way with our response or the way we have handled your request, you can contact us by phone, email or in writing. We may, in the first instance, try and resolve your complaint informally. However, at any stage you can request, or we may decide to treat your complaint formally under our internal review process.

An internal review is conducted by the Chief Executive who will review the request and response, taking account of your complaint(s), and will respond in writing as soon as possible. The Information Commissioner's Office recommends that a response should be made in 20 working days. If we are unable to respond in this timeframe, we will inform you and provide a date by which you should expect to receive our response.

If, after the internal review, you remain dissatisfied then you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, the government regulator for the Freedom of Information Act. Details of how to contact the Information Commissioner's Office can be found at www.ico.org.uk



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North Norfolk District Council

BY EMAIL ONLY

9th January 2026

Three years ago, a cross-county approach to supporting victims and survivors of domestic abuse was established. NIDAS (nidasnorfolk.co.uk) has grown over this short time, supporting around 6,000 people across Norfolk, and with its model of support maturing significantly.

A Joint Targeted Area Inspection earlier this year by HMICFRS, HM Inspectorate of Probation, CQC and Ofsted, considered the multi-agency response to children who are victims of domestic abuse in Norfolk. The Inspectors identified NIDAS as a good example of strong partnership working.

I write to you now because the ability for NIDAS to continue is not as secure as it could be.

Domestic abuse is no respecter of geography.

In the past three years, NIDAS has supported 486 people in your district.

One of the outcomes of the uncertainty surrounding LGR, devolution and the changing funding landscape, is the weakened ability to ensure the core NIDAS service continues.

To ensure NIDAS can continue to support our residents between now and the setting up of the new authorities, I am asking all councils to allocate funding to support NIDAS core service up to and including 2027/28.

I know that your council supports other areas of work with respect to domestic abuse. But this is not an either/or matter. Your support with NIDAS going forward would help ensure that the partnership can continue to provide this service that so many of your

residents depend on. This is especially vital over what will otherwise be a highly uncertain period as LGR and devolution is implemented.

I hope that you agree that NIDAS provides an important part of the county-wide response to domestic abuse and through teamwork and a collaborative approach we can ensure that it continues to do so over the next two years.

If you would like any further information about NIDAS, or would like to confirm your support, please get in touch. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Taylor".

Sarah Taylor
Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk