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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/134

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11th February 2021 concerning reports of non-crime hate incidents.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and after having consulted the Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- 1) Please provide full details of all non-crime hate incidents that were logged by your force in the month of September 2020. In each case, could you please provide me with the following information:
 - A) The exact nature of the incident that was recorded.
 - B) When and where the incident occurred (i.e the location such as a school, workplace, street, shop, park etcetera, or a specific social media platform/internet site).
 - C) The age and sex of the perpetrator.
 - D) How police became aware of the incident (i.e how was it reported to the force and by whom. For example, a school teacher, boss, work colleague).
 - E) Precisely what interactions did police have with the perpetrator, and when and where did those interactions take place? (i.e Were they arrested? Did police visit them at home or work, write to them, or telephone them.)
 - F) What words did the officer use in their report to record their rationale for determining that the incident as a non-crime hate incident? (i.e - what motivation did the officer believe the perpetrator had in making their hateful remarks?)
 - G) Were the perpetrators informed that a record would be kept of the non-crime hate incident, and how was this communicated to them?

NOTE: In Question 1, I am content for details to be redacted so that the identity of the perpetrator and any victims are not disclosed, but I would like as much detail about the circumstances of the incident as possible please.



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- 2) For how long will the record of a non-crime hate incident remain on someone's criminal record?
- 3) Will the record of the non-crime hate incident be used in evidence of someone's bad character if they committed a crime or were suspected of a crime in the future?
- 4) How many non-crime hate incidents have been recorded by your force in 2020?
- 5) In relation to the non-crime hate incidents recorded in 2020 please can you provide a breakdown for how many of the incidents fell into each of the categories of:
 - A) Race.
 - B) Religion.
 - C) Sexual orientation.
 - D) Disability.
 - E) Transgender identity.

NOTE: If there are other categories used by your force, then please provide a breakdown for those also.

- 6) In relation to the non-crime hate incidents recorded in 2020 please provide a breakdown for how many incidents were recorded where the motivation for hostility was considered to be the following:
 - A) Ill-will
 - B) Spite
 - C) Contempt
 - D) Prejudice
 - E) Unfriendliness
 - F) Antagonism
 - G) Resentment
 - H) Dislike

NOTE: If there are other categories used by your force, then please provide a breakdown for those also.

Our response:

- 1.) 7 non-crime hate incidents reported in September 2020.

a.)

NICL Qualifier	Number of Occurrences
Prejudice - Disability	2
Prejudice - Racial	3
Prejudice - Religion	1
Prejudice - Sexual orientation	1
Grand Total	7

- b.) Swindon – 3
- Durrington – 1
- Westbury – 1
- Devizes – 1
- Chippenham – 1

c.)

Gender	Reported Age
Female	30
Male	27

Male	32
Male	13
Male	41
Male	29
Female	39

- d.) Call to 101 – 5
Call to 999 – 1
Online Report – 1

The reporting person's include: 4 victims, 1 mother, 1 Teacher and 1 unknown.

- e.) Please note, that there were two suspects involved in one incident –

Interactions Police had with the Suspect

Words of advice were given to the suspect and the suspect's family.
The suspect was spoken to and denied the allegation. Words of advice were given to the suspect.
ASB surveys were distributed to the area, rather than direct contact with the suspect as this was the preferred course of action by the aggrieved.
Words of advice were given to the suspect at their home address.
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The aggrieved did not wish to pursue a formal complaint. The suspect was not directly contacted.
The suspect was arrested for unrelated offences.
Words of advice were passed to the suspect.

- f.)

Rationale for Determining the Incident as a Non-Crime Hate Incident

The aggrieved was unwilling to support any Police action and there were no independent witnesses. The aggrieved just wanted words of advice given to the suspect, which was facilitated.
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The aggrieved did not want to make a complaint.
The aggrieved and the aggrieved's family did not want to make a formal complaint, as the report was being investigated by the school. But, the aggrieved and their family did wish for words of advice to be given to the suspects, which was facilitated.
The aggrieved did not wish to pursue a formal complaint.
The suspect was seeking professional help with their mental health and was no longer in the area, so no further action was taken.
The aggrieved was not worried about being called names and only wished for words of advice to be given to the suspect, which was facilitated.

- g.) No information held.

- 2.) No information held. Please see the following link for more information on rules governing [Information Management](#).

3.) This is a hypothetical question about something that may or may not occur in the future, and is therefore not a request for information held. As a result, the question is not valid.

4.) 104.

5.)

Nici Qualifier	Number of Occurrences
Prejudice - Disability	15
Prejudice - Racial	61
Prejudice - Religion	4
Prejudice - Sexual orientation	20
Prejudice - Transgender	4
Grand Total	104

6.) No information held – Wiltshire Police do not routinely record incidents in accordance with the terms suggested.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Kay Moore
Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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