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XXXX – by email

Date: 2nd March 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 159

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19th February 2021 concerning Community Protection Notice Warnings.

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 I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested in its' entirety.

You wrote:

- 1) The number of Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNW's) you have issued in the last three years.
- 2) The number of CPNW's in the last three years you have issued to married / cohabiting couples (ie one CPNW being issued to two people).
- 3) The Number of CPNW's in the last three years that have been issued to resolve neighbour disputes.
- 4) The number of CPNW's in the last three years that have been published in the public domain.

Our response:

Your request is a little confusing in that you ask for information concerning Community Protection Notice Warnings. A Notice and a Warning are two very different and specific things.



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For the purposes of clarity and the avoidance of all doubt here :-

There are CPN's (Community Protection Notices) and CPW's (Community Protection Warnings). The idea being that you an individual is provided with a Warning, which if that does not address the behaviour which an individual is specifically warned about, then that individual would then have a Notice issued on them. A subsequent breach of a CPN then becomes a criminal offence.

All of the CPN's and CPW's that are issued by the Force are stored within our main Niche crime recording system. These are held solely as documents – any information pertaining to the marital (or cohabiting) status of couples or indeed the reasons behind the actual issuance of specific CPW's is not formally recorded anywhere in our systems let alone in a manner which is easily searchable.

In many instances, the relationship status of couples that have been issued with a CPW will not necessarily have been recorded within the occurrence log to which a CPW relates or even in the call log that has been recorded for the event.

Similarly, the specific reasons why a CPW will have been issued (eg neighbour dispute) would not necessarily be recorded within the occurrence log either.

Question 1

The number of CPW's that have been issued per annum over the last 3 completed years are as follows :-

2018	67
2019	185
2020	155

Please note, these are the number of individual CPW's that have been given, so if a couple have both been issued with CPW's (per-se), then they will be recorded in the above figures as one for each party.

Questions 2 and 3

The detail you require for questions 2 and 3 of your request does not exist today and under the Freedom of Information Act there is no obligation on a Public Authority to create information in order to answer a request when that information does not already exist.

Our response to these two questions is therefore – **No Information Held**

Question 4

It is not Wiltshire Police Policy to place details of individual CPW's given in the public domain as it would be a direct breach of Data Protection Principles.

It would also be counter-productive as – if this information were in the public domain – it could lead to local reprisals and/or inflame existing tensions in the community.

There is a possibility – at some stage – that the volume of CPW's that have been issued may be provided to the Local Media for some reason (if we are asked for that information) or posted on Wiltshire Police's Twitter feed or within the News section of our Force website, which can be found at the following :-

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/627/News>

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,

Nick Penny
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 Fol 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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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