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I write in connection with your request for information dated 26th March concerning screen crimes.

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 having consulted our performance team, I am happy to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

Please list the total number of crimes that were screened out or closed without investigation on the same day that they were reported. By 'screened out' I mean cases where a crime reference was issued but no subsequent investigation or follow-up was ever carried out. This can be after an initial/primary assessment to identify those that are more likely to be solvable.

Please provide a breakdown by alleged crime and reason for closure if available.

Please provide data for 2018, 2019 and 2020

Please provide a breakdown by calendar year.



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Response

Please find below your requested information. Please note that we are unable to determine the reasonings as to why the below occurrences were screened. However there are most certainly cases in which the wrong crime codes were placed in the creation of the log, and thus were closed down before being utilised by the subsequent investigation. A dip sample into 'Murder' has shown that out of the 6 cases – all 6 were closed due to crime code error.

	2018	2019	2020	Grand Total
-	18	20	5	43
Abstracting electricity	1			1
Abuse of position of trust: causing a child to watch a sexual activity (S19, SOA 2003)	1			1
Abuse of position of trust: causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity (S17, SOA 2003)	1	1		2
Acts intended to stir up racial hatred (S18/23 POA 1986)	1	1	2	4
Administering a substance with intent (S61, SOA 2003)	1	1		2
Adult attempt to engage in sexual communication with a child		3		3
Affray	83	107	65	255
Aggravated burglary residential		1		1
Aggravated veh taking where only aggravating factor is criminal damage of £5000 or under		2	2	4
Aggravated vehicle taking	2	4		6
Arrange or facilitate the commission of a child sex offence - (S14, SOA 2003)	1			1
Arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation	1		3	4
Arranging or facilitating the sexual exploitation of a child (S50, SOA 2003)			1	1
Arson endangering life	2	3	1	6
Arson not endangering life	13	11	14	38
Assault a constable in the execution of his / her duty	11	6		17
Assault constable - ABH	6	9	3	18
Assault constable - malicious wounding (sec 20 GBH)		1		1
Assault constable - wounding with intent to do GBH (sec 18)		1		1
Assault constable - wounding with intent to resist/prevent arrest (sec 18)	2			2

Assault designated / accredited person - Police Reform Act 2002	2	1		3
Assault emergency worker - ABH			2	2
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	180	217	180	577
Assault or assault by beating of a constable (Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 Sec 1)	1	16	17	34
Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker (except a constable)		4	3	7
Assault with intent to resist arrest		1	3	4
Attempted burglary business and community	6	6	3	15
Attempted burglary residential	13	11	8	32
Attempted distraction burglary residential		1		1
Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over - multiple undefined offenders		1		1
Attempted rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1, SOA 2003)		1	2	3
Attempted rape of a Female aged under 16 (Sec 1, SOA 2003)	1			1
Bigamy (S57 OAP 1861)			1	1
Blackmail	28	9	15	52
Bomb hoax offences	4	2		6
Breach a sexual risk order/risk of sexual harm order etc or fail to comply with requirement under Sec 122c(4) in relation to a sexual risk order.	1	3	1	5
Breach of a restraining order issued on acquittal (Protection from Harassment Act)	2	2	4	8
Breach of Criminal behaviour order	4	9	10	23
Breach of non-molestation order	17	36	29	82
Breach SHPO/interim SHPO/SOPO/interim SOPO/ Foreign Travel Order or fail to comply with requirement Under Sec 103D (4)	2	2	4	8
Burglary business and community	19	22	11	52
Burglary residential	64	44	39	147
Care provider breached duty of care resulting in ill-treatment/neglect of individual		2		2
Care worker ill-treat/wilfully neglect an individual	1			1
Cause a person to engage in sexual activity without consent (S4, SOA 2003)	3		1	4
Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	1	1		2
Cause death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs		1		1

Causing a child under 13 to watch a sexual act (S 12/13, SOA 2003)		1	1	2
Causing a child under 16 to watch a sexual act (S12/13, SOA 2003)	2	1	1	4
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (S4A POA)	99	121	109	329
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity (Sec 8 SOA 2003)	3	7	7	17
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender under 18 years of age (S 10/13, SOA 2003)	2	4	1	7
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity (S10/13, SOA 2003)	9	12	9	30
Causing or inciting child prostitution/pornography (S48, SOA 2003)		1		1
Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	1	1		2
Child abduction - by parent/by other persons	6	3	1	10
Commit offence other than kidnapping or false Imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with a view to exploitation			1	1
Committing an offence with the intention of committing a sexual offence (S62, SOA 2003)		1	1	2
Committing or conspiring to commit an act outraging public decency	7	3	9	19
Common assault (S39) and assault without injury (Class 105A)	349	484	458	1291
Contempt of Court	1			1
Concealment of the birth of a child	1			1
Conspiracy to murder			1	1
Contempt of court by breach of sec 17 of the criminal procedure and investigations act 1996	1	12	2	15
Contravening law relating to control of fishing/protection/conservation/selling of salmon, trout, fresh water fish and eels (Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975)	1			1
Criminal damage to a building - business and community (under £5000)	21	32	16	69
Criminal damage to a building - business and community endangering life		1		1
Criminal damage to a residence (over £5000)	3	1		4

Criminal damage to a residence (under £5000)	56	57	58	171
Criminal damage to a residence endangering life	1			1
Criminal damage to other property (over £5000)	1	4	1	6
Criminal damage to other property (under £5000)	143	156	147	446
Criminal damage to vehicle (over £5000)			1	1
Criminal damage to vehicle (under £5000)	92	92	59	243
Cruelty to and neglect of children	3	13	17	33
Customs & excise and Inland revenue offences		1		1
Dangerous driving	17	7	6	30
Disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	6	10	13	29
Disclosure, obstruction, false or misleading statements offences	11	10	5	26
Distraction burglary residential	5	2	1	8
Drunk and disorderly in a public place	8	12	1	21
Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate family relationship	6	41	38	85
Engage in sexual communication with a child	9	8	5	22
Engaging in sexual activity in presence of a child under 13 (S 11/13, SOA 2003)		1		1
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child under 16 (S11/13, SOA 2003)			2	2
Escape from lawful custody	1	2	1	4
Exposure (S66, SOA 2003)	10	9	13	32
Fail to provide specimen for analysis - vehicle driver	1			1
Fear or provocation of violence (S4 POA)	37	37	29	103
Fish/take fish where fish taking may/may not be authorised or possess unlicensed instrument with intent to take fish without authority (Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975)	1		2	3
Forced marriage offences	1			1
Fraud/forgery associated with vehicle or driver records	3		1	4
Fraudulent evasion of a prohibition on the importation of controlled drug - khat			8	8
Gaming offences		1		1
Genital mutilation of female	1			1
Going equipped	18	20	11	49
Handling stolen goods	15	11	9	35
Harassment - breach of conditions of injunction against harassment	16	13	2	31

Harassment - breach of restraining order	17	17	6	40
Harassment - putting people in fear of violence	7	3	9	19
Harassment (S2 Harassment Act 1997)	131	216	215	562
Harassment etc of a person in his home (SOC and Police Act 2005)	1	1	1	3
Harassment, alarm or distress (S5 POA)	50	61	68	179
Having an article with a blade or point in a public place	20	19	17	56
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises			1	1
Hold person in slavery or servitude	2	3	1	6
Immigration Act Offences	4	5	1	10
Import prohibited weapons/ammunition with intent to evade prohibition/restriction		3	4	7
In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	15	20	16	51
Inciting a child family member under 18 to engage in sexual activity (S26, SOA 2003)		2		2
Kidnapping/Hijacking/False Imprisonment	2	5	4	11
Make/supply article(s) for use in fraud(s)	3	1	1	5
Making off without payment	62	43	23	128
Malicious Wounding:- Wounding or Inflicting grievous bodily harm (without intent Section 20)	5	7	6	18
Meeting a child following sexual grooming, Offender 18 or over and Victim U16 (S15, SOA 2003)	1	1	3	5
Money laundering offences (Proceeds of Crime Act 2002)	6	9	11	26
Murder - victim one year of age or older	2	1	3	6
Offender management act - offences	2	1	2	5
Other drug offences	5	5	8	18
Other Firearms Offences (Class 81)	1	2	1	4
Other forgery or uttering etc	39	27	12	78
Other indictable or triable either way offences (98/99)	2		1	3
Other obscene publications and protected sexual material offences		3	2	5
Other offences against The State and Public Order	1	2	5	8
Perjury and false statements		2	1	3
Permitting premises to be used for Class B drug offences	1			1
Pervert the course of justice	17	13	13	43
Possess an offensive weapon	40	57	40	137
Possess cannabis with intent to supply	2	2	5	9
Possess class B controlled drug - cannabis	48	61	57	166

Possess indecent photograph / pseudo- photograph of a child	15	5	9	29
Possess offensive weapon on school premises		1		1
Possess/control article(s) for use in fraud(s)	26	7	7	40
Possess/control identity documents with intent			2	2
Possessing firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	2	5	2	9
Possession Class A drug	20	43	30	93
Possession Class B drug	9	13	7	29
Possession Class C drug (NOT Cannabis)	2	1	3	6
Possession of firearm offences (Class 10B)	3	4	3	10
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	20	21	24	65
Possession with intent to Supply Class B drug	6	10	8	24
Possession with intent to Supply Class C drug	1		1	2
Produce cannabis a class B controlled drug	3	4	5	12
Production Class B drug		1		1
Production of or being concerned in production of controlled drug - khat	1	3		4
Public Health offences including Fly Tipping	2		6	8
Public nuisance	2	2	3	7
Racially or religiously aggravated assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)		1		1
Racially or religiously aggravated common assault		2	2	4
Racially or religiously aggravated fear of violence - words or writing (Sec 4 POA)	3		2	5
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 5 POA)	9	10	13	32
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment - non violence (Sec 2, Harassment Act)	2	1	3	6
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4a POA)	20	21	13	54
Racially/religiously aggravated criminal damage		1	1	2
Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	32	58	48	138
Rape of a female aged under 16 - multiple undefined offenders			1	1
Rape of a Female aged under 16 (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	2	11	4	17

Rape of a female child under 13 by a male (S5 SOA 2003)	3	6	4	13
Rape of a Male aged 16 or over (Sec 1 - SOA 2003)	2	1	2	5
Rape of a Male aged under 16 (Sec 1, SOA 2003)	2	1	2	5
Rape of a male child under 13 by a male (S5 SOA 2003)	2	3	3	8
Rape of female aged 16 or over - multiple undefined offenders		2	3	5
Remain unlawfully at large after recall to prison	1	1		2
Require person to perform forced or compulsory labour	3	9	7	19
Retain personal data without consent of controller		1		1
Robbery business	1			1
Robbery personal	12	19	6	37
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety	228	236	244	708
Sex offenders register - fail comply with notification requirements			1	1
Sex with an adult relative (S64/65, SOA 2003)		2		2
Sexual activity etc with a person with a mental disorder (Class 70)	1	2		3
Sexual activity involving a child under 13 by an offender under 18 years of age (S9, SOA 2003)	1	3		4
Sexual activity with a child family member (S25, SOA 2003)	2	1		3
Sexual activity with a child under 16 (S9/13, SOA 2003)	6	8	5	19
Sexual assault of a female 13 or over by penetration (S2, SOA 2003)	4	6	2	12
Sexual assault of a female child under 13 (S3, SOA 2003)	14	15	7	36
Sexual assault of a female child under 13 by penetration (S6, SOA 2003)	2	3	1	6
Sexual assault of a male child under 13 by penetration (Sec 6 SOA 2003)	2	1		3
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over (S3, SOA 2003)	24	27	26	77
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over (Sec 3, SOA 2003)	5	1	4	10
Sexual assault on a male child under 13 (Sec 7, SOA 2003)	3	7	4	14

Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (Sec 51A SOA 2003)	3	1		4
Stalking involving fear of violence		6	11	17
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	1	5	24	30
Stalking without fear/alarm/distress	3	12	80	95
Supply a psychoactive substance			1	1
Supply cannabis a class B controlled drug	3	3	5	11
Supply Class A drug	12	22	20	54
Supply Class B drug	1	3	1	5
Supply Class C Drug (NOT Cannabis)	1			1
Supplying or offering to supply or being concerned in supply or offering to supply controlled drug - khat		8	4	12
Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	52	35	42	129
Terrorism offences	2			2
Theft by employee	13	12	8	33
Theft from a motor vehicle	39	18	22	79
Theft from a vehicle - other than a motor vehicle	1		2	3
Theft from automatic machine or meter	7	1	1	9
Theft from shops and stalls (Shoplifting)	156	137	80	373
Theft from the person	40	48	29	117
Theft in dwelling other than auto machine or meter	44	41	30	115
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	76	80	59	215
Theft or unlawful taking of pedal cycle	32	33	13	78
Theft or unlawfully taking of mail	9	4	3	16
Theft other	268	272	192	732
Threat or possession with intent to commit criminal damage/to destroy own property	11	12	13	36
Threaten a person with a blade/sharply pointed article in a public place	2	8	5	15
Threaten a person with an offensive weapon in public place	1	1	2	4
Threats to kill	26	41	38	105
Throwing articles into Prison	3	1	2	6
Trade descriptions offences	1	1		2
Trafficking in controlled drugs - other offences		1	2	3
Unauthorised act in relation to a computer causing/creating risk of serious damage to human welfare/national security		1		1
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug		2	3	5
Unlawful import or export of Class B drug	2	1	4	7
Unlawful import or export of Class C drug		1		1

Use of substance or object to endanger life offences (Class 5B)		3		3
Vehicle interference/tampering - motor vehicle	13	22	12	47
Violent disorder	8	5	6	19
Voyeurism (S67, SOA 2003)	2	4	5	11
Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18	9	8	8	25
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Grand Total	3286	3780	3258	10324

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,

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,
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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:

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>