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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 122

Reply contact name is: Kerry Merritt

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th February 2021 concerning Ages of missing children.

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 Missing Persons Coordinator I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please state, for children that had missing episodes recorded in your missing persons database (or equivalent central recording system), and that were flagged as being at risk of child sexual exploitation, the total number of missing episodes recorded for each of the ten children that went missing the most often.

Please provide information for missing episodes recorded between June 1st 2020 and the current date.

For children that had missing episodes recorded in your missing persons database (or equivalent central recording system), and had been flagged as being at risk of child sexual exploitation, please provide a breakdown of their ages. Please provide their age at the time of the first missing episode recorded, if simplest to extract.

Please limit this request to missing episodes between 1st January 2020 and today's date, and to children who went missing at least three times over the period. If your systems flag episodes rather than children as being a CSE risk, please provide information for children who had at least one CSE risk flagged episode during this period.

If there is a specific risk of personal information being disclosed (for example, just one 13 year old being recorded), I am happy for information to be provided in "less than 5 format", or for an age banding to be used (1 child aged 12-14 etc). This should mean there are no section 40 issues with providing a response.



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Our response:

Please state, for children that had missing episodes recorded in your missing persons database (or equivalent central recording system), and that were flagged as being at risk of child sexual exploitation, the total number of missing episodes recorded for each of the ten children that went missing the most often.

01/06/2020 - 11/02/2021

Child - No. of episodes

1 = 30

2 = 20

3 = 19

4 = 19

5 = 19

6 = 18

7 = 18

8 = 10

9 = 10

10 = 9

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01/01/2020 - 11/02/2021

Children who were missing at least 3 times in the period

Age - No. of children

13 - 14 = 8

15 - 16 = 19

17 = 7

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,

Kerry Merritt
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

Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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