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XXX – by E mail

Date: 3rd March 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 191

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2nd March 2021 concerning Human Trafficking.

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 Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

I am writing to you looking for your assistance to compile research in relation to human trafficking in order to complete my dissertation. My research is looking into the prevalence of human trafficking in the media and therefore would appreciate any help in the following areas.

This is a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If possible can you please provide me with the following information?

For each year, starting from 2015 to the present day, how many reports of human trafficking have you recorded?

	Reports Received		
	Crimes	Incidents	Total
2015	1	1	2
2016	1	0	1
2017	11	0	11
2018	15	1	16
2019	14	1	15
2020	14	3	17
2021	4	0	4
	60	6	66



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

For each report that was recorded how many people were recorded as victims in each case?

Home Office counting rules (for Crime) dictate that there is only 1 victim recorded for each occurrence of this crime type. Therefore, there have been 66 victims.

If it has been documented, the gender of the victims per report

The breakdown of victim gender is as follows (see note below) :-

Year	Female			Male			Gender unrecorded			Grand Total
	Crimes	Incidents	Total	Crimes	Incidents	Total	Crimes	Incidents	Total	
2015	1	1	2							2
2016	1		1							1
2017	5		5	6		6				11
2018	8		8	7		7	1		1	16
2019	7		7	7		7		1	1	15
2020	10	1	11	4	2	6				17
2021	4		4							4
Total	36	2	38	24	2	26	1	1	2	66

For each report that was recorded how many offenders were charged as a result each year?

There were 74 offenders recorded for the 66 crime / incident reports listed above. Of these, the detection status by year for each of these offenders is as follows (see note below) :-

Detection Status	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
1: Charged					1			1
1: Summoned/postal requisition			2	25				27
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender					1			1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties				9	4			13
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	3			1	3	1		8
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified				2				2
Cancelled/transferred	1			7				8
Hist - 15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED			4					4
Cases still open / live				1		6	3	10
Grand Total	4	0	6	45	9	7	3	74

If it has been documented, the gender of the offenders that were charged per report.

There has been 1 offender charged and 27 Summoned to Appear / Postal Requisition since 2015.

The offender that was charged in 2019 was Male.

The 27 offenders that were Summoned to Appear / Postal Requisition can be broken down by year as follows (see note below) :-

	Female	Male	Total
2017	1	1	2
2018	10	15	25
Total	11	16	27

Please note :-

It is not possible for us to provide the following information separately for each individual unique crime/incident occurrence :-

- a) Number and Gender of victims for each occurrence
- b) Number and Gender of offenders for each occurrence
- c) Number and Gender of offenders charged for each occurrence

The reason for this is that if we were to provide this information broken down to that granular level, then it could be possible to identify the individuals (both victims and offenders) involved in each of these occurrences through this and any other information that may already exist today in the public domain (eg Press Reports etc).

Under our Section 16 obligation to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, we have provided information above in summary form in order to answer your questions as fully as possible whilst ensuring we abide by Data Protection Principles.

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:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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