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By email

Date: 23rd April 2021

Our ref: FOI 2021/296

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29th March 2021 concerning revenge pornography.

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.

You wrote:

I would like to receive the following information regarding “revenge pornography” (section 33 Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 - Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress).

1. How many cases of “revenge pornography” has the police force recorded in the financial years of: 2015 – 2016 2016 – 2017 2017 – 2018 2018 - 2019 2019 – 2020 2020 – 2021 (up until the current day)
2. A breakdown of ages and genders of the victims and the offenders.
3. If ages would appear to be too time consuming, I would request the ages of the victims and the offenders to be provided in the following age groups: a. 0-10, 11-15, 16-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80, 81-90, 91-100 etc.
4. If known, in each reported incident may you please specify what social media platform the criminal materials were shared on i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Snapshot, Reddit.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Our response

Some of the information that you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.

For question 4 we do not physically record in specific searchable fields which social media platform was used to share the criminal materials (ie Facebook, Instagram etc). The only way to identify the social media platform for each crime would be to physically access and read each crime report for the time periods you require.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

Although excess cost removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Please note the Victim may be 'the state'

Female Victim Age	Fiscal Year						Grand Total
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
11-15	3	1	2	1	4	1	12
16-20	11	12	8	10	12	16	69
21-30	6	19	14	17	20	30	106
31-40	2	3	2	5	10	11	33
41-50	1	4	2	2	3	3	15
51-60			2		2		4
NULL		1	2				3
Grand Total	23	40	32	35	51	61	242

1 further null result meaning no data found. As a victim, this type of offence may mean there is just a picture, therefore no data known

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Male Victim Age	Fiscal Year						Grand Total
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
11-15		1		1	1		3
16-20		1	2		2	5	10
21-30	3	3	4	3	5	4	22
31-40		1	4	2	1	2	10
41-50				1	3	2	6
51-60	1		1				2
NULL				1			1
Grand Total	4	6	11	8	12	13	54

2 further null results meaning no data found. As a victim, this type of offence may mean there is just a picture, therefore no data known

Please note there may be more than one offender for each crime

Female Offender Age	Fiscal Year						Grand Total
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
11-15	3	1			1		5
16-20	11	1	7	1	3	5	28
21-30	6	1	2	6	4	6	25
31-40	2	3	3	1	3		12
41-50	1	1	1	2	1	1	7
51-60				1	1		2
61-70							
71-80							
NULL		1					1
Grand Total	23	8	13	11	13	12	80

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Male Offender Age	Fiscal Year						Grand Total
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
11-15			3	1	2	2	8
16-20		6	4	4	5	5	24
21-30	3	20	8	11	21	22	85
31-40		1	5	5	7	5	23
41-50		2	4	1	4	6	17
51-60	1	1	2	1	3	3	11
61-70		1					1
71-80						1	1
NULL		1		4	2		7
Grand Total	4	32	26	27	44	44	177

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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,
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
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

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