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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 13th April 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 339

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th April 2021 concerning Racial Hate 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 Business Intelligence Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

We seek the following information on racist hate crimes towards the following ethnic groups:

- Chinese
 - East Asian
 - South East Asian
 - Asian
 - "Oriental"
 - Or any that had such appearance (set out above)
- (The "Relevant Groups")

And would like data for the following years, broken down by each month:

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021 (up until the FOI response date or whatever are the most recent statistics).

Request 1: Provide the number of racist hate crimes reported where the victim(s) comprise of the Relevant Groups, broken down by each group where possible.

Request 2: Please if you have such data, could you also provide us with any additional breakdown of where coronavirus was mentioned or where it was the motivator of the racist hate crime.



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Please provide the data for my request in an Excel spreadsheet format with suggested row headings by year and month, with column headings:

- Number of incidents
- Ethnicity/ethnic appearance
- Was coronavirus mentioned as part of the crime - Y/N?

Our response:

Request 1

For the time periods you specify, the following table shows the Racist Hate Crimes that meet your criteria.

Reported Month Year	OccNo	Occurrences	Crimes	Victim - Self Defined Race	Victim Gender
Aug-2019	5419xxxx	1	1	A9. Any other Asian background	M
Aug-2019	5419xxxx	1	1	O1. Chinese	F

Please note :-

In some instances a Victim may refuse to provide details of their Self-Defined Race. The results provided are for those Crimes where the victim has provided this information and it meets your criteria.

The Self-Defined Race is as per the designated Home Office Classification Coding.

The crimes reported are based on searches carried out for Crimes meeting the criteria of Prejudice-Racial.

Request 2

Both of these Racist Hate Crimes occurred well before the Covid pandemic and Covid bore no relevance in either of the reported incidents.

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
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