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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 21st April 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 369

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th April 2021 concerning Sexual Offences against 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 Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am writing to request the below information which will be used to form part of my PhD thesis regarding the attrition rates in cases of Child Sexual Exploitation.

This request is being sent to all territorial forces in England and Wales.

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the below information regarding all sexual offences against children between 1st October 2017 and 30th September 2020:

- a) Regarding the victim could you please provide the age, gender, whether the victim had been an offender previously and whether the victim was a repeat victim.
- b) Regarding the offence could you please provide the HO code of offence, outcome of the offence, reasoning for outcome eg victim does not support, insufficient evidence, prosecution not in public interest, Flags or markers on the offence and MO detail.
- c) Regarding the offender could you please provide the Age of offender, Gender of offender and Occupation of offender.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Our response:

For the time period you have specified (1st October 2017 – 30th September 2020) there have been 1,770 individual sexual offences committed against children.

Note – these 1,770 offences are where the victim has legally been a child at the specific date the offence is alleged to have taken place.

Question A

Of these offences there were 1,545 unique victims, of whom 167 were victims of crimes of this nature on more than 1 occasion during this period.

Please refer to the tab labelled “Question A” on the spreadsheet supplied with this response.

For details of whether any victim of a crime of this nature has ever been recorded as an offender for another crime please refer to tab “Questions B and C” on the spreadsheet supplied with this response – there have been 73 victims of offences they have also been recorded as an offender for another crime.

Information supplied to you has been cleansed / anonymised where needed to protect the identity of individuals or avoid their possible identification alongside other information that may already be in the public domain.

Questions B and C

For the information required in these questions, please refer to the tab labelled “Question B and C” on the spreadsheet supplied with this response.

You requested information in respect of MO of the offences – I have provided the summary description of the offence, anonymized where necessary to avoid identification of individuals.

You requested details of any Flags or Markers on each of the offences – both the National (NICL) and Local Qualifier codes have been provided.

Details of the Offender age and gender have been provided (where this is known) – note that in a significant number of cases this is either not known or not recorded.

Please Note

Within Question C you requested information regarding the occupation of the Suspect in each of these cases. We do not summarily record anywhere within our systems the occupation of an alleged suspect – indeed it is not a mandatory requirement for us to do so. Our response in respect of this part of your request is therefore – **No Information Held**

Enclosed – Excel Spreadsheet FOI-2021-369.xlsx

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
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