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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 236

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th April concerning vehicle theft and accident information.

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 all the information you have requested.

You wrote:

I made a previous FOI request a week ago - asking for data on car thefts and road accidents across 2020 and 2019.

I would like to revise that request and I'm hoping that you haven't started the previous data request and can just replace with this one.

It's not wildly different - I was just hoping rather than figures for 2019 and 2020 calendar years... I could have monthly figures from March 2019 to February 2021 (or if it's easier total figures for the 12 month period March 19 to Feb 20 and then the same for March 20 to February 21), for the following (as before):

- 1/ The number of vehicle thefts
- 2/ The number of reported traffic accidents
- 3/ The number of casualties of all severities in reported road traffic accidents
- 4/ The number of fatalities in reported road traffic accidents
- 5/ The total number of serious injuries in reported road traffic accidents



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

I want to look at numbers during the period when the country went into lockdown for the first time - March 2020 and for the 12 months up to end of February 2021, and then compare this total with the total for the previous 12 month period (March 2019 to February 2020).

Our response:

The information you are requesting is not stored in a way that it is easily retrievable. Each accident requires manually sifting through, and then uploading to the main system in order to track, and gauge injuries. 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.

We have provided you below with the rest of the information we were able to gather before the time limit was reached;

Q1:

Reported Month Year	Crimes	Non Crime Incidents
Mar-2019	38	4
Apr-2019	35	5
May-2019	43	3
Jun-2019	32	9
Jul-2019	61	8
Aug-2019	56	6
Sep-2019	43	7
Oct-2019	41	13
Nov-2019	52	4
Dec-2019	45	9
Jan-2020	36	13
Feb-2020	47	5
Mar-2020	52	6
Apr-2020	39	5
May-2020	37	4
Jun-2020	31	5
Jul-2020	33	4
Aug-2020	44	4
Sep-2020	45	3
Oct-2020	47	7
Nov-2020	49	2
Dec-2020	27	2
Jan-2021	31	2
Feb-2021	24	3

Q3:

Total no. of casualties of all severities			
2019		2020	
Jan	131	Jan	152
Feb	133	Feb	120

Mar	104	Mar	100
Apr	123	Apr	33
May	118	May	52
Jun	140	Jun	81
Jul	172	Jul	
Aug	171	Aug	
Sep	177	Sep	
Oct	171	Oct	
Nov	159	Nov	
Dec	156	Dec	

Q4:

Total no. of fatalities			
2019		2020	
Jan	3	Jan	2
Feb	0	Feb	2
Mar	3	Mar	4
Apr	0	Apr	1
May	1	May	2
Jun	2	Jun	0
Jul	4	Jul	
Aug	0	Aug	
Sep	6	Sep	
Oct	1	Oct	
Nov	4	Nov	
Dec	1	Dec	

Q5:

Total no. of serious injuries			
2019		2020	
Jan	19	Jan	17
Feb	25	Feb	12
Mar	19	Mar	17
Apr	20	Apr	4
May	22	May	6
Jun	25	Jun	12
Jul	28	Jul	
Aug	24	Aug	
Sep	28	Sep	
Oct	22	Oct	
Nov	22	Nov	
Dec	24	Dec	

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,

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
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