

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/422

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th May 2021 concerning racially and religiously aggravated 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 after having consulted the Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- 1.) Number of racially or religiously aggravated hate crime recorded against individuals of south and south-east Asian descent between the year starting January 2020 until the year ending December 2020.
- 2.) Additionally, the same information for the year starting January 2019 until the year ending 2019 and the year starting January 2018 until the year ending 2018.
- 3.) Also, if possible provide examples/specific descriptions of recorded instances which specify "COVID", "COVID-19", "Coronavirus", or any other examples where the offender make reference to COVID-19.

Clarification requested: I am specifically looking for data on individuals within the police listed ethnic category "IC5". Additionally, could you please provide a month-by-month breakdown of offences within the years listed in the original request, thank you.

Our response:

We do not have a South/South-East Asian racial tag on our systems so the Performance Team have supplied below the requested information relating to the racial tags 'Chinese' and 'Any other ethnic group'. Please note, that the racial tag 'Any other ethnic group' may not necessarily relate to those of Asian descent and also, we do not record individual's ethnicities by way of ethnic category "IC5", for example.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

1.) February 2020 – **1 (racial tag: Chinese).**

2.) May 2018 – **(1 racial tag: Chinese).**

July 2018 – **(1 racial tag: Any other ethnic group).**

July 2018 – **(1 racial tag: Any other ethnic group).**

2019 – **0.**

There is no mention of Covid-19 within the summaries and the crime reports of the related occurrences above.

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,

Kay Moore
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
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