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Date: 14th May 2021

Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/440

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th May 2021 concerning disability 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.) How many disability hate crimes have been recorded by your police force for the last two financial years –2019/20 and 2020/21?
- 2.) How many disability hate crimes were committed by repeat offenders (of a previous disability hate crime) in the last two financial years- 2019/20 and 2020/21?
- 3.) How many disability hate crimes during each financial year (2019/20 and 2020/21) concerned acts of violence against a person?
- 4.) How many incidents of disability hate crime were recorded as taking place online in each financial year (2019/20 and 2020/21)?
- 5.) How many of the recorded disability hate crimes in each financial year (2019/20 and 2020/21) resulted in a CPS referral?
- 6.) How many of the recorded online disability hate crimes in each financial year (2019/20 and 2020/21) resulted in a CPS referral?

Our response:

- 1.) How many disability hate crimes have been recorded by your police force for the last two financial years –2019/20 and 2020/21?

Financial Year	Grand Total
2019-2020	75
2020-2021	86



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Grand Total	161
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- 2.) How many disability hate crimes were committed by repeat offenders (of a previous disability hate crime) in the last two financial years- 2019/20 and 2020/21?

2019/20 – 10 repeat offenders.

2020/21 – 11 repeat offenders.

- 3.) How many disability hate crimes during each financial year (2019/20 and 2020/21) concerned acts of violence against a person?

Financial Year	Disability Hate Crimes – Violence Against The Person
2019-2020	34
2020-2021	34
Grand Total	68

- 4 & 6.) How many incidents of disability hate crime were recorded as taking place online in each financial year (2019/20 and 2020/21)? &

How many of the recorded online disability hate crimes in each financial year (2019/20 and 2020/21) resulted in a CPS referral?

Disability Hate Crimes – taking place on Social Media and Outcome	2019-2020	2020-2021	Grand Total
1: Summoned/postal requisition	1	1	2
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2	3	5
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	3		3
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1	2	3
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy		1	1
New		2	2
Grand Total	7	9	16

- 5.) How many of the recorded disability hate crimes in each financial year (2019/20 and 2020/21) resulted in a CPS referral?

Outcome	2019-2020	2020-2021	Grand Total
1: Charged	1	1	2
1: Summoned/postal requisition	1	2	3
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1	3	4
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	34	33	67
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	16	12	28
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	18	23	41

1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	1		1
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1	6	7
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest		1	1
3: Adult caution		1	1
6: Penalty notice for disorder	1		1
8: Community resolution	1	1	2
New		3	3
Grand Total	75	86	161

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 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:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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