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Our ref: FOI 2021/351

Reply contact name is: Lloyd Tilbury

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th April 2021 concerning gambling in detainees.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Custody and Team Performance Departments at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- 1) Does screening for gambling disorder take place among detainees in any part of your force? If yes:
 - a) Which detainees are being screened?
 - b) What are the triggers for a gambling screening?
 - c) Who does the screening and where?
 - d) What screening tools are used?
 - e) What pathways are in place if gambling problems are identified?
- 2) How many incidents attended during the period 1 January 2019 through to 31 December 2020 recorded the following key words – gambling, betting or casino? Please provide for each incident:
 - a) The month/year the incident occurred
 - b) Alleged offence/reason for police attendance
 - c) Gender
 - d) Race
 - e) Age
 - f) Outcome of the incident (e.g. charge and summons, caution, community resolution)

Response:**Question One**

No information held. However if it became clear that someone needed help for such an issue whilst in custody we would do our best to assist via the LADS peer support service.

Question Two

Please note that to answer this question and gather the below information a 'wildcard' search was conducted on the following words: "gambling" "betting" and "casino". Wildcard searches bring back both unreliable and inaccurate data, as they only include summaries which have used the above words and do not include those that do not.

Twelve

- a) April 2019
May 2019 x 2
July 2019
September 2019
November 2019
March 2020
July 2020
September 2020
November 2020 x 3
- b) Common Assault and Assault without Injury x 2
None Stated x 6
Theft from Automatic Machine or Meter
Theft in a Dwelling other than from an Automatic Machine or Meter
Theft Other x 2
- c) Female x 1
Male x 11
- d) Not Stated x 11
White British
- e) 13
17
23
34
36
37 x 2
38 x 2
40
49
73
- f) 1: Charged
15: Police – Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties
16: Victim Declines/Withdraws Support – Names Suspect Identified x 3
17: Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expires
NZ Other Incident Non Crime x 6

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

Lloyd Tilbury
Principal 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.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
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>