

**Force Disclosure Unit**

Wiltshire Police HQ

London Road

Devizes

Wiltshire

SN10 2DN

Tel 101 ext. 62005

www.wiltshire.police.ukdisclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

XXXXXXXXXX

By email

Date: 2nd June 2021

Our ref: FOI 2021/464

Reply contact name is: Abigail Standidge

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24th May 2021 concerning missing persons.

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 Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

I would like to find out the number of missing persons investigations there have been within the force in the financial years: 2017-2018; 2018-2019; 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Please outline these in a table showing the totals separately.

In a separate table, for each financial year, could you split the figures down to missing person's ethnicity?

Our response

Please see below tables.

Note:

- An individual can be reported more than once as missing in any time period.
- There were a total of 9804 missing persons reports for the requested time period, shown by the first table. This equates to 4562 unique missing persons, shown by the second table.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

ReportedFiscalYear	SelfDefinedRace	
2017-2018	-	343
	A1. Asian - Indian	11
	A2. Asian - Pakistani	15
	A9. Any other Asian background	3
	B1. Black Caribbean	10
	B2. Black African	16
	B9. Any other Black background	31
	M1. White & Black Caribbean	48
	M2. White & Black African	2
	M3. White & Asian	19
	M9. Any other mixed background	57
	NS. Not stated	485
	NULL	360
	O1. Chinese	3
	O9. Any other ethnic group	10
	W1. White British	1633
	W2. White Irish	2
	W9. Any other white background	53
	Totals	3004
2018-2019	-	296
	A1. Asian - Indian	13
	A9. Any other Asian background	5
	B1. Black Caribbean	3
	B2. Black African	14
	B9. Any other Black background	8
	M1. White & Black Caribbean	20
	M2. White & Black African	2

	M3. White & Asian	4
	M9. Any other mixed background	61
	NS. Not stated	492
	NULL	404
	O1. Chinese	1
	O9. Any other ethnic group	9
	W1. White British	1403
	W2. White Irish	3
	W9. Any other white background	40
	Totals	2696
	-	306
2019-2020	A1. Asian - Indian	4
	A2. Asian - Pakistani	16
	A3. Asian - Bangladeshi	1
	A9. Any other Asian background	7
	B1. Black Caribbean	2
	B2. Black African	27
	B9. Any other Black background	6
	M1. White & Black Caribbean	63
	M2. White & Black African	5
	M3. White & Asian	4
	M9. Any other mixed background	40
	NS. Not stated	495
	NULL	415
	O9. Any other ethnic group	15
	W1. White British	1006
	W2. White Irish	2
	W9. Any other white background	25

	Totals	2363
2020-2021	-	303
	A1. Asian - Indian	8
	A2. Asian - Pakistani	1
	A3. Asian - Bangladeshi	1
	B1. Black Caribbean	11
	B2. Black African	5
	B9. Any other Black background	6
	M1. White & Black Caribbean	18
	M2. White & Black African	1
	M9. Any other mixed background	30
	NS. Not stated	315
	NULL	351
	O9. Any other ethnic group	3
	W1. White British	724
	W2. White Irish	1
	W9. Any other white background	15
	Totals	1741

SelfDefinedRace	ReportedFiscalYear				Grand Total
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	
-	124	96	116	106	442
A1. Asian - Indian	4	6	4	2	16
A2. Asian - Pakistani	3		3		6
A3. Asian - Bangladeshi			1	1	2
A9. Any other Asian background	3	3	4		10
B1. Black Caribbean	5	2	2	5	14
B2. Black African	14	11	7	2	34
B9. Any other Black background	10	5	3	3	21
M1. White & Black Caribbean	17	4	10	3	34
M2. White & Black African	2	1	2		5

M3. White & Asian	4	2	2		8
M9. Any other mixed background	17	10	11	8	46
NS. Not stated	341	320	315	188	1164
NULL	294	318	292	256	1160
O1. Chinese	1	1			2
O9. Any other ethnic group	4	5	3	2	14
W1. White British	650	416	293	177	1536
W2. White Irish	2	1	2	1	6
W9. Any other white background	21	14	5	2	42
Grand Total	1516	1215	1075	756	4562

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

Abigail Standidge
Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN
Telephone 101 ext 62005



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
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/>