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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/483

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31st May 2021 concerning domestic violence reports.

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:

A breakdown of the figures of the total number of domestic violence reports to your Police Force between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021

Please break down the figures into gender (male and female) as follows:

1. Named suspect identified: Evidential difficulties prevent further action, victim does not support (or has withdrawn from) police action
2. Named suspect identified, victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action
3. Charge or summons
4. Investigation complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible - Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available
5. Charge/ Summons for alternative offence
6. Named suspect not identified, the crime is confirmed by the victim either declines or is unable to support further police investigation to identify offender
7. Postal charge
8. Caution adult including conditional caution
9. Other agency takes primacy
10. Community resolution
11. Postal charge with alternative offence
12. Adult caution with alternative offence



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13. Sufficient evidence to charge, but police decided not in the public interest to prosecute
14. Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired - 5 years ago
15. Named suspect identified, but police decide investigation not in the public interest
16. Non crime
17. Prosecution prevented, named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute
18. The offender has died
19. Charge
20. Youth caution with alternative offence

Clarification (01/06/21): I can confirm the following:

1. I am referring to "crimes" and not "incidents"
2. Gender breakdown of the "Victim"
3. Please use the "National Home Office crime outcomes codes" to which you refer

Our response:

As requested, the below table details the number of crimes that have taken place relevant to your request and not the number of incidences. As well as this, the below table shows a gender breakdown of the victims, as requested –

Reported – Financial Year	Gender	Status	Crimes
2020-2021	Totals		7221
	-	Totals	2
		14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1
		18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1
	F	Totals	4938
		-	0
		1: Charged	186
		1: Summoned/postal requisition	70
		1A: Alternate offence charged	162
		1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	55
		2: Youth caution	1
		2: Youth conditional caution	1
		3: Adult caution	58
		3: Adult conditional caution	4
		3A: Alternate offence adult caution	36
		8: Youth restorative disposal	1
		9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	7
		11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	1
		12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	20
		13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	6
		14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	28
		15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	215

		15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1428
		16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	2031
		17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	224
		18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	40
		20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	36
		21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	8
		Cancelled/transferred	0
		Crime related incident	0
		N100/1 incident - victim (3rd party) not confirmed offence or traced	0
		N100/2 incident - credible evidence to contrary exists	0
		N100/3 incident - offence committed in and transferred to other force	0
		New	320
		NZ other incident non crime	0
	M	Totals	1973
		1: Charged	23
		1: Summoned/postal requisition	19
		1A: Alternate offence charged	22
		1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	16
		2: Youth conditional caution	1
		2A: Alternate offence youth conditional caution	1
		3: Adult caution	17
		3: Adult conditional caution	1
		3A: Alternate offence adult caution	20
		5: Offender has died	1
		8: Community resolution	4
		9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	1
		11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	1
		12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	7
		13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	3
		14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	8
		15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	48
		15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	579
		16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	997
		17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	79
		18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	20
		20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	12
		21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	4
		Cancelled/transferred	0
		Crime related incident	0
		New	89

		NZ other incident non crime	0
		Totals	316
		1: Charged	93
		1: Summoned/postal requisition	33
		1A: Alternate offence charged	2
		3: Adult caution	8
		3A: Alternate offence adult caution	1
		7: Cannabis warning	2
		8: Community resolution	1
		9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	1
		11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	1
		15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	11
		15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	122
		16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	3
		17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	1
		18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	2
		20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1
		21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	7
		Cancelled/transferred	0
		Crime related incident	0
		New	27
	NULL	NZ other incident non crime	0
	U	Totals	2
		15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
		16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1

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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