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By email

Date: 3rd June 2021

Our ref: FOI 2021/488

Reply contact name is: Abigail Standidge

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2nd June 2021 concerning 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.

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:

Q1. The total number of hate crimes recorded against people of East and South East Asian descent in the following calendar years: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and any figures available for the period beginning January 1st 2021 and ending June 1st 2021.

Please note that victims of East and South East Asian descent can be recorded in the following categories: Chinese, Chinese - Other, Chinese/Other, Oriental, East Asian, South East Asian or Southeast Asian. They can also be recorded under the IC code IC5.

Q2. For each year, please break down the figures by month, the gender of the victim, and the category of crime recorded (e.g. sexual offence, theft, etc).

Q3. Please disclose the outcomes (charged, no further action, caution etc) of hate crime incident recorded in the answer to Q1 for the following calendar years: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and the period between January 1st 2021 and June 1st 2021. Please break down the figures by month and gender.

Our response

Please note:



- The self-defined race field is not always populated for victims, meaning this result may be unrepresentative of the actual number of relevant victims
- NICL qualifiers are subject to human error i.e. they can be applied when not a Hate crime and not applied when they should be; or the wrong Hate crime strand can be chosen.

August 2019 – 1 x Racially or religiously aggravated common assault (Violence without injury) – Female victim – Outcome: 18: Investigation complete no suspect identified

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.



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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
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/>