

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 18th June 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 517

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th June 2021 concerning 'Fabricated Induced Illness' and Munchausens by Proxy.

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 - having liaised with our Business Performance Team - I am able to respond to you as follows.

You wrote:

For each of the years 2010 and 2020, how many investigations under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 were referred to you for further action which involved these terms in the referral:

Fabricated or Induced Illness (or FII)

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (or MSbP)

How many of these investigations led to no further action being taken by the police?

I would like to receive the information in an electronic format.

Our response:

We use QlikSense as our primary data-analysis tool. Current licence issues with our QlikSense product and limitations of GDPR mean we can only access data that covers a maximum time period of 6-years plus the current month (ie June 1st 2015 to June 18th 2021 inclusive).

For that time period I can confirm that there were no investigations under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 which refer to Munchausens or FII from 2015 to date.



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,

Nick Penny

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:

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