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Date: 25th June 2021

Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/529

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21st June 2021 concerning arrests relating to Class C drugs.

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:

- 1.) How many arrests has your force made in relation to Class C drugs pregabalin and gabapentin?
- 2.) How many of these arrests have resulted in charges? (Please specify the charges - possession or possession with intent to supply)
- 3.) How many deaths have been recorded involving pregabalin and gabapentin?

Could you please provide data for as many years as possible? At least the past 20 years.

Our response:

Please note, that due to GDPR reasons we are unable to provide you the requested data prior to 6 years and month. Not only this, but we would also be unable to provide you the number of deaths that have been recorded involving pregabalin and gabapentin, however, I'm not sure whether it might be worth going to the Coroner's Office to see if they'd be able to assist with this.

However, in relation to questions 1 and 2, please the the following:

- 1.) 2015 – 1 arrest (relating to gabapentin).



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There have been 74 other arrests made in relation to Class C drugs within the past 6 years and one month, however, at the time of arrest the Officer would not have known the exact type of drug the substance was until it was later tested. Therefore, at the point of the arrest the individual(s) would've been arrested in relation to Class C drugs and not specifically what the drug was.

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Please note, that the arrest reason does not always link to the charging reason.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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