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Date: 25 June 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021/533

Reply contact name is: Ellie James

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21 June 2021 concerning Revenge Porn.

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 consulted our Business Intelligence Unit I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please send me details on the following:

1. How many cases of revenge porn have been reported to you since October 2014?
2. How many of those cases remain unresolved?
3. How many cases were dropped by the accuser?
4. How many cases have been reported since 23 March 2020?

Our response:

1. **How many cases of revenge porn have been reported to you since October 2014?**
304 from June 2015. Please see caveat below the table of data.
2. **How many of those cases remain unresolved?**
204
3. **How many cases were dropped by the accuser?**
61
4. **How many cases have been reported since 23 March 2020?**
88



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Detection Status	Total
1: Charged	6
1: Summoned/postal requisition	13
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	6
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	8
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	60
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	55
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	21
2: Youth caution	1
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	3
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1
3: Adult caution	4
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	2
8: Community resolution	2
Cancelled/transferred	56
Hist - 1. Charged/summoned	4
Hist - 15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED	31
Hist - 3. Caution-adults	9
New	22
Grand Total	304

Please note that due to GDPR we are only able to easily retrieve data for 6 years + 1 month, therefore the data provided is from June 2015 onwards. The information you are requesting between October 2014 and May 2015 is held, however in order to obtain this information we would have to do a manual search of crime records during this time to obtain the answers to your request. Given that the Criminal Courts and Justice Act came into effect in April 2015, any reports of "Revenge Porn" prior to this would have likely been logged under Harrassment or Malicious Communications meaning we would have to perform a manual search of every Harrassment or Malicious Communications offence to identify whether it was a case of "Revenge Porn". In light of this, I am certain that in order to retrieve this information it would take us well over the legislative 18 hours and therefore trigger a Section 12 exemption. Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience and I hope that the information above will suffice.

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,

Ellie James
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure, details can be found on the following page.



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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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