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Date: 02 July 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021/494

Reply contact name is: Ellie James

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04 June 2021 concerning Domestic Abuse Offences and Ethnicity.

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 and our Domestic Violence Team I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- 1). The number and type of crime outcomes recorded for domestic-abuse related offences*, broken down by sex and ethnicity of the victim, and the nature of the offence – eg psychological, physical, sexual or emotional. Please only include offences that have been assigned an outcome, and group them by the year the outcome was recorded rather than the year the crime took place.
- 2). Of the cases that resulted in a charge or summons in part 1 of this request (by year the outcome was recorded), please provide a breakdown of the sex and ethnicity of the suspect, whilst retaining the breakdown of the sex and ethnicity of the victim
- 3). The number of times a suspect was arrested in relation to a domestic abuse-related offence, broken down by the sex and ethnicity of the suspect and of the victim
- 4). The number of women who sought a domestic abuse protection order, by ethnicity
- 5). The number of women who were granted a domestic abuse protection order, by ethnicity
- 6). The number of men who sought a domestic abuse protection order, by ethnicity
- 7). The number of men who were granted a domestic abuse protection order, by ethnicity



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Our response:

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Please note;

In relation to questions 1-3; A victim's ethnicity is not routinely taken and therefore do not hold the ethnicity of every individual that has been a victim of a domestic violence offence.

In relation to questions 4-7, I am advised that the Force decide whether to apply for a Domestic Abuse (Violence) Protection order for an individual also make the application rather than the individual in question looking to apply for one. I am also advised that unfortunately we do not keep a centralised record of the details of those we have made an application on behalf of and only hold a centralised record of how many we have made and had granted. Therefore I am only able to provide a breakdown of how many were applied for and how many were granted in the years you have specified.

In order to get further information on gender and ethnicity (if held) we would have to manually search all domestic violence offences to identify whether an application for a DVPO had been made following that incident and to further identify the gender and ethnicity of the victim. To do this would not be possible within the FOIA time limit and would engage a Section 12 exemption based on time restraints. In light of the above,

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 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

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Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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