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I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/06/2021 concerning sexual orientation and transgender identity.

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 Unit at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

There are five strands of hate crime, I am writing to find out statistics relating to two of these (sexual orientation and transgender identity).

The total number of hate crimes in May 2021 where sexual orientation was recorded as a motivating factor. When this month comes to an end please provide an answer to the following:
The total number of hate crimes in June 2021 where sexual orientation was recorded as a motivating factor. The total number of hate crimes in May 2021 where a person's transgender identity was recorded as a motivating factor The total number of hate crimes in June 2021 where a person's transgender identity was recorded as a motivating factor.

There is a significant public interest in discovering if whether there has been a rise in sexually-orientated hate crimes in June compared to May this year, as June marks pride month and there has been a spate of homophobic attacks reported so far this month.

The Home Office publishes an annual report of recorded hate crimes, the last was published in October 2020 releasing statistics for 2019/2020. Although the release of statistics for sexually-orientated hate crimes may be intended for future publication, there is a pressing need to see the statistics for Pride Month this year, due to the spate of homophobic attacks reported this month.



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Waiting for this report will also be ineffective as it is not specific enough, it provides annual statistics but it does not give a month by month breakdown of reported hate crimes.

If you are unable to provide me with data for 2021, please can you provide me with your data for May compared to June 2020?

It is essential that this information is broken down into monthly, not annual statistics.

I understand that the systems used by different police forces in England may not necessarily generic and that incidents may be recorded under a specific category, please can you, where possible, provide statistics relating to hate crimes motivated by homophobia/sexual orientation and due to someone identifying as transgender - in whichever way these may be categorised on your system for the area within your jurisdiction.

Response

Reported Month Year	NICLQualifiers	Crimes
May-2021	Totals	21
	Prejudice - Sexual orientation	19
	Prejudice - Transgender	2
Jun-2021	Totals	22
	Prejudice - Sexual orientation	17
	Prejudice - Transgender	5

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

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.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

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/>