

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 591

Reply contact name is: Kerry Merritt

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th July 2021 concerning Missing persons.

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 Missing Persons Co-ordinator I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. How many missing persons cases have been filed (from Jan 2016-June 2021) in your police department?
 - 1i. Within this, could you split it up by ethnicity (specifically how many are Caucasian, Asian and Black)?
 - 1ii. Could you also split the data up by gender (but I would like to know how many are Black males, white females, etc)?
2. Could you tell me of the number of missing Black people filed in your police department from 2016-2021, how many were under the age of 18?

Our response:

1. How many missing persons cases have been filed (from Jan 2016-June 2021) in your police department?

Missing reports: 13,616**Individuals: 5,975**

INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

- i. Within this, could you split it up by ethnicity (specifically how many are Caucasian, Asian and Black)?

ETHNICITY	Episodes (individuals)
A1 - Indian	40 (18)
A2 – <u>Pakistani</u>	47 (8)
A3 – <u>Bangladeshi</u>	29 (3)
A9 – Any other Asian ethnic background	24 (19)
B1 – <u>Caribbean</u>	65 (26)
B2 – <u>African</u>	67 (38)
B9 – Any other Black ethnic background	67 (26)
M1 – White and Black Caribbean	172 (42)
M2 – White and Black African	11 (6)
M3 – White and Asian	31 (11)
M9 – Any other Mixed ethnic background	278 (72)
O1 – <u>Chinese</u>	5(4)
O9 – Any other ethnic group	47 (24)
W1 – <u>British</u>	6,531 (2,363)
W2 – <u>Irish</u>	25 (12)
W9 – Any other White ethnic background	182 (64)
NS – Not Stated	4,787 (3,209)

- ii. Could you also split the data up by gender (but I would like to know how many are Black males, white females, etc)?

Overall females: Reports – 6,435 | Individuals - 2,460

Overall males: Reports – 7,181 | Individuals - 3,515

Females:

ETHNICITY	Episodes (individuals)
A1 - Indian	22 (8)
A2 – <u>Pakistani</u>	10 (4)
A3 – <u>Bangladeshi</u>	1 (1)

A9 – Any other Asian ethnic background	10 (10)
B1 – <u>Caribbean</u>	26 (9)
B2 – <u>African</u>	38 (17)
B9 – Any other Black ethnic background	17 (9)
M1 – White and Black Caribbean	108 (19)
M2 – White and Black African	8 (4)
M3 – White and Asian	19 (3)
M9 – Any other Mixed ethnic background	179 (41)
O1 – <u>Chinese</u>	3 (3)
O9 – Any other ethnic group	14 (8)
W1 – <u>British</u>	3,266 (1,074)
W2 – <u>Irish</u>	15 (3)
W9 – Any other White ethnic background	54 (27)
NS – Not Stated	2,085 (1,259)

Males:

ETHNICITY	Episodes (individuals)
A1 - Indian	18 (10)
A2 – <u>Pakistani</u>	37 (4)
A3 – <u>Bangladeshi</u>	28 (2)
A9 – Any other Asian ethnic background	14 (9)
B1 – <u>Caribbean</u>	39 (17)
B2 – <u>African</u>	29 (21)
B9 – Any other Black ethnic background	50 (17)
M1 – White and Black Caribbean	64 (23)
M2 – White and Black African	3 (2)
M3 – White and Asian	12 (8)

M9 – Any other Mixed ethnic background	99 (31)
O1 – <u>Chinese</u>	2 (1)
O9 – Any other ethnic group	33 (16)
W1 – <u>British</u>	3,265 (1,289)
W2 – <u>Irish</u>	10 (9)
W9 – Any other White ethnic background	128 (37)
NS – Not Stated	2,702 (1,950)

Could you tell me of the number of missing Black people filed in your police department from 2016-2021, how many were under the age of 18?

N.B. does not include those of mixed ethnicity

At time of missing episode (individuals):

2016 = 18 (9)

2017 = 64 (21)

2018 = 21 (14)

2019 = 21 (12)

2020 = 25 (9)

2021 = 10 (4)

TOTAL EPISODES = 159 (58)

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,

Kerry Merritt
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 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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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