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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 23rd July 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 592

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th July 2021 concerning the Victims' Right to Review Scheme.

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 Victim Care & Restorative Services Manager - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

I would like to make a request for the following information about the operation of your Victim's Right to Review Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. For each year since 2015 please provide the number of VRR requests received by your force.

2015	20
2016	51
2017	47
2018	30
2019	60
2020	56
2021	44 (to date)



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2. For each year since 2015 please provide your data for outcomes of VRR requests received - this may include investigations re-opened, cases referred to CPS, or decisions to charge - or any other data you collect on outcomes.
3. For each of the requests above in questions 1 and 2 please provide the details for:
 - a. Total VRR requests for all crime types
 - b. VRR requests in cases of rape and serious sexual assault
 - c. VRR requests in cases of domestic abuse

The table below provides you with the answers to Questions 2 and 3 above :-

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Totals
DV	9	20	20	9	33	25	9	125
Not eligible	3	3	5	4	15	7	3	40
Further enquiries	0	0	2	2	4	3	0	11
Decision upheld	6	15	11	3	14	11	5	65
Cases referred to CPS	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
No outcome added	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
Sexual Assault	2	10	7	11	9	10	5	54
Not eligible	1	1	1	2	3	4	1	13
Further enquiries	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
Decision upheld	1	8	6	8	6	4	0	33
Cases referred to CPS	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
No outcome added	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Crime	9	21	20	10	18	21	22	121
Not eligible	1	10	9	5	7	7	8	47
Further enquiries	1	3	0	0	1	3	2	10
Decision upheld	6	8	11	5	9	8	10	57
Cases referred to CPS	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	7
No outcome added	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	20	51	47	30	60	56	36	300

Note, there are 8 cases received in 2021 so far which are still under consideration and have not reached an “outcome” as per the above.

4. Please confirm how officers are allocated to review VRRs.

Officers are allocated based on a combination of business area knowledge and volume of open VRR's.

5. Please confirm whether any specific training is given to officers carrying out VRRs.

All of our VRR reviewers have attended a bespoke one-day training course which incorporates revised learning of ERO decision making.

6. Please confirm whether, for VRRs involving rape and serious sexual offences, or domestic abuse, there is any requirement for officers carrying out the reviews to have specialist knowledge of those types of offences.

Where possible, VRR's are allocated to officers with knowledge in relevant areas.

7. Please provide up to date guidance on your VRR procedure.

All guidance relating to VRR's is accessible via both the Wiltshire Police and OPCC websites. Online applications are invited via the websites also, which are managed by the Horizon victim and witness care team.

www.wiltshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/acr/vrr/victims-right-review-scheme

www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Horizon/review/

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,

Nick Penny
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
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk