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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 26th July 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 607

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th July 2021 concerning online racial abuse / written material likely to stir up racial hatred.

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 Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

1. How many reports of online racial abuse / written material likely to stir up racial hatred did your force receive between 1st January 2021 and 19th July 2021?

29 reports

i. Please provide a breakdown per month.

2021	Crimes	Incidents	Total
Jan	6		6
Feb	2	3	5
Mar	1		1
Apr	5		5
May	4		4
Jun	4	1	5
Jul	3		3
Grand Total	25	4	29



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

2. How many children (anybody under the age of 18) did your force identify as the alleged perpetrator of online racial abuse, or displaying written material that is likely to stir up racial hatred, between 1st January 2021 and 19th July 2021?

11 children

i. Please provide a breakdown per month.

2021	Crimes	Incidents	Total
Jan	1	0	1
Feb	2	2	4
Mar	1	0	1
Apr	3	0	3
May	1	0	1
Jun	1	0	1
Jul	0	0	0
Grand Total	9	2	11

ii. Please provide a breakdown by age of the alleged perpetrator.

Age	Crimes	Incidents	Total
11	3	0	3
12	1	0	1
13	1	0	1
14	2	0	2
15	0	0	0
16	2	1	3
17	0	1	1
Grand Total	9	2	11

iii. Please provide a breakdown of the outcomes of each incident. For example, how many resulted in an arrest? How many resulted in a warning being given?

Outcome	Crimes	Incidents	Total
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	4	0	4
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	2	0	2
NZ other incident non crime	0	2	2
Case still ongoing	3	0	3
Grand Total	9	2	11

3. How many reports of online racial abuse / written material likely to stir up racial hatred did your force receive between 1st January 2020 and 19th July 2020?

42 reports

i. Please provide a breakdown per month.

2021	Crimes	Incidents	Total
Jan	7	1	8
Feb	7	1	8
Mar	2	2	4
Apr	2	1	3
May	6	0	6
Jun	11	1	12
Jul	1	0	1
Grand Total	36	6	42

4. How many children (anybody under the age of 18) did your force identify as the alleged perpetrator of online racial abuse, or displaying written material that is likely to stir up racial hatred, between 1st January 2020 and 19th July 2020?

7 children

i. Please provide a breakdown per month.

2020	Crimes	Incidents	Total
Jan	0	0	0
Feb	2	0	2
Mar	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	0
May	0	0	0
Jun	3	1	4
Jul	1	0	1
Grand Total	6	1	7

ii. Please provide a breakdown by age of the alleged perpetrator.

Age	Crimes	Incidents	Total
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
13	2	0	2
14	1	1	2
15	1	0	1
16	2	0	2
17	0	0	0
Grand Total	6	1	7

iii. Please provide a breakdown of the outcomes of each incident. For example, how many resulted in a conviction? How many resulted in a warning being given?

Outcome	Crimes	Incidents	Total
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	6	0	6
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	0	0	0
Cancelled / Transferred	0	1	
NZ other incident non crime	0	0	0
Case still ongoing	0	0	0
Grand Total	6	1	6

Please Note :

This information has been generated using the following :-

- The HO description of “008/72 Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety” to identify written word and
- The “Cyber enabled” Tag on our crime recording system to identify that the offence has occurred on line.

It needs to be noted that the Tags on our system are not mandatory and their use (for recording either Cyber-related crime or Other specific measures) is at the discretion of the user that is recording the crime.

An incident is a occurrence that has been reported to us which is not formally recognised as a criminal offence.

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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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