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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 598

Reply contact name is: Kerry Merritt

Dear ***,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th July 2021 concerning Homicides of Women 1990 to 2021.

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 I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

I would like to know the following information about the homicides of women under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for your police force area between the month of January 1990 and June 2021 (inclusive).

- 1) The precise location, i.e., either a) road name plus village/town/city plus postcode or b) six digit grid reference number, of each established homicide (that is incidents of murder, manslaughter)
- 2) The date of the respective incident (if not available, then the date of reporting).
- 3) The name of the victim or victims for each homicide.
- 4) Ethnicity of each homicide victim
- 5)) Link to any online / media article if it was covered in the media

Our response:

Part of the information that you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.



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Unfortunately, prior to early 2000's we didn't have to provide as much information to the Home Office, therefore this means for many of these incidents we do not have a location or ethnicity. We currently do not have the capability within our systems to flag for this missing information which can then be analysed quickly and easily. This information would be held on the old crime recording system prior to our current system and I have been advised would undoubtedly take us over the 18hrs to locate this information.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below :-

Please note we do not hold any any online or media links.

Location	Date of Offence	Victim	Ethnicity of Victim
U/K	12/12/89 – 08/01/90	Ruth Miriam STEVENS	U/K
U/K	02/01/1990	Myra DROBISKEY	British
U/K	09/05/1990	Patricia Ann PAGE	British
U/K	26/11/1990	Swee Leong HAYDON	Malaysian
U/K	02/03/1991	Jennifer Karin DEAN	British
Melksham SN12	03/10/1991	Valerie ABRAMS	British
Swindon SN3	12/01/1992	Nicola Jane YATES	British
Swindon SN1	03/05/1992	Donna Simpkins	British

Westbury	28/05/1992	Shirley Dawn OSMENT	U/K
U/K	08 – 09/11/92	Tracy Ann CAREY	British
Swindon SN1	17-26/11/92	Christine CAMPBELL	British
Melksham SN12	02/12/1992	Kelly-Ann HITCHCOCK	U/K
Blunsdon Road Swindon SN25	On or around 22/01/1973. Recorded March 1993	Joan Rosalind MAIN	U/K
Swindon SN3	16/06/1993	Female - GOOCH	British
High Street, Ramsbury, SN8	02/02/1994 – 03/02/1994	Yvonne Louise WESTLEY	British
Calne SN11	13/04/1994	Nicola Jane GOULDING	U/K
Malmesbury, Wilts	02/07/1994	Samantha Jane WALKER	U/K
Salisbury SP1	14/07/1994	Annetta RENOUF	U/K
Swindon SN3	20/11/1994	Vanessa Mary McGONGLE	U/K
Swindon SN4	09/02/1995	Jodie HOPE	British
U/K	15/12/1995	Jacqueline Smitherman	British
U/K	04/09/1996	Debbie MORTON	British

Swindon SN5	25/10/1996	Tracey Ann FOXWORTHY	British
Warminster BA12	09/01/1997- 11/01/1997	Zoe Ann EVANS	British
Eastleigh Road, Devizes, SN10	05/03/1997	Maria VERTANNES	British
Tidworth SP9	15/07/1997	Clare GALLER	British
U/K	05/12/1998	Sarah WINROW	British
Salisbury Road, Downton, SP5	18/02/2000	Emma HOLLEY	British
Salisbury Plain, Devizes	20/06/2000	Karen CHANDLER	White British
Saxon Close, Cricklade, SN6	20/09/2000	Sacha STEPHENSON	White British
Market Lavington SN10	02/10/2000	Gillian BARTER	White British
Mere BA12	21/11/2000	Laura TAIT	White British
Trowbridge BA14	06/05/2001	Elizabeth Hartley	White British
Willows Avenue, Swindon SN2	09/09/2001	Belinda EDWARDS	White British
River Avon 200yds from home address.	23/04/2002	Natalie WILLIAMS	White British

Swindon - location unknown	18/03/2002	Linda RAZZELL	White British
Swindon SN5	08/04/2004	Amanda EDWARDS	British
Melksham	06/12/2004 – 07/12/2004	Joan CLARKE	White British
Swindon SN3	21/09/05-26/04/05	Kimberley Baker	
Trowbridge BA14	10/06/2005 – 11/06/2005	Hayley RICHARDS	White British
Lewis Close, Swindon SN25	27/06/2005	Jacqueline KENT	White British
Wootton Bassett SN4	06/07/2005 – 07/07/2005	Iris MIDDLETON	White British
Castleview Road, Chiseldon SN4	15/11/2005 - 15/11/2005	Julie BUTCHER	White British
Wilmot Close, Swindon SN5	04/06/2006	Angela Coleman	White British
Stratton Road, Pewsey, SN9	21/12/2006	Eunice Balcombe	Black African
Swindon SN25	11/07/2007	Elsie Crook	White British
Fosse Close, Swindon SN2	18/11/2007	Dawn Williams	White British
U/K	02/03/2007	Cheryl De'ath	White British
Trowbridge BA14	07/01/2009	Antonietta Guarino	White Italian

Netherhampton Road, Salisbury SP2	16/07/2009	Doris Smith	White British
Frampton Close, Swindon SN5	22/09/2009	Anita Catherine Harris	White British
Near Uffington in Oxfordshire	19/03/2011	Sian O'Callaghan	White British
Oxo Bottom field in Eastleach, Gloucestershire	01/01/2003-30/04/2003	Rebecca Godden-Edwards	White British
Barnes Wallis Close, Melksham, SN12	13/01/2013	Suzanne Bavette Newton	White British
Moonrakers Estate, London Rd, Devizes, SN10	02/03/2013	Victoria Elaine Rose	White British
Maple Way, Salisbury, SP4	08/04/2013	Deborah Mary Simister	White British
Avondown Road, Durrington SP4	18/04/2014	Doreen Webb	White British
Royston Road, Swindon SN3	12/05/2015	Alison Gail Connolly	White British
Charter Road, Chippenham, SN15	04/09/2015	Julie Anne Collier	White British
Drew Street, Swindon, SN2	10/12/2016	Andraya Louise Lyons	White British
Springfield Drive, Calne, SN11	03/05/2019	Eleanor Rose Gould	White British
Wessex Road, Salisbury SP1	01/06/2020	Aneta Zdun Nikoleta Zdun	Both White Polish

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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