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Our Ref: FOI 2021/618

Reply contact name is:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd July 2021 concerning Stalking Protection Orders. My apologies for the delayed response.

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 after having consulted the Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote and our response:

Please note, that some of the data you require does not belong to Wiltshire Police, but to HM Courts Service as they grant the SPO's. With this in mind, the data supplied below (Q2) is our interpretation from the records we have and therefore for confirmation, I would advise you to speak with the Courts Service.

- 1.) From March 2020 - current date, how many stalking offences have been registered in the United Kingdom?

Reported Month and Year	Crimes
Mar-2020	28
Apr-2020	57
May-2020	48
Jun-2020	50
Jul-2020	68
Aug-2020	46
Sep-2020	42
Oct-2020	30
Nov-2020	28
Dec-2020	38
Jan-2021	47



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Feb-2021	24
Mar-2021	42
Apr-2021	35
May-2021	36
Jun-2021	34
Jul-2021 (up to 23/07/21)	30
Total	683

- 2.) How many Stalking Protection Orders under the Stalking Protection Act 2019 have been granted from March 2020 - current date?
9 SPO's granted.
- 3.) How many Stalking Protection Orders under the Stalking Protection Act 2019 have been granted from 15th March 2019 - current date?
The Stalking Protection Act 2019 didn't come into force until January 2020.
- 4.) In what areas of the United Kingdom have Stalking Protection Orders been granted from 15th March 2019 - current date, and how many have been granted in such areas?
We can only provide information relevant this Force, therefore, I would suggest you contact the other Forces across the UK for this information.
- 5.) If any Stalking Protection Orders have been granted from 15th March 2019 - current date, how many of those perpetrators have been convicted and imprisoned/fined or both?
The Stalking Protection Act 2019 didn't come into force until January 2020.

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
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