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Date: 3th August 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 636

Reply contact name is: Kerry Merritt

Dear \*\*\*,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 concerning Domestic Violence Disclosure Schemes.

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

**You wrote/Our response:**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to request the following information specifically in relation to the time period 1 March '20 - 1 March '21 (only 28 days in Feb so taking it to 1 March).

My request relates to applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDs) – aka 'Clare's Law'. Please state:

1. The number of disclosures made to your force under the under 'Right to Ask' during this time period, broken down by time taken to complete disclosure in the following categories:  
a) 0-20 days, b) 21-35 days and c) 36+ days.

**Of the 341 RTA applications, 133 were disclosed.****a) 0 – 20 days = 74****b) 21 – 35 days = 44****c) 36+ days = 15**

2. The number of disclosures made to your force under the under 'Right to Know' during this time period, broken down by time taken to complete disclosure in the following categories:  
a) 0-20 days, b) 21-35 days and c) 36+ days.

**Of the 189 RTK applications, 120 were disclosed.****a) 0 – 20 days = 45**

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- b) 21 – 35 days = 65**
- c) 36+ days = 10**

3. The three maximum lengths of time taken to complete 'Right to Ask' disclosure during this time period (i.e. completion times in the three cases that took the longest to disclose)

**50 days, 45 days, 44 days.**

4. The three maximum lengths of time taken to complete 'Right to Know' disclosure during this time period (i.e. completion times in the three cases that took the longest to disclose)

**69 days, 64 day, 50 days.**

If possible, as a comparison, could the same data please be provided for the time period March 1 '19 - Feb 29 '20 If this second lot of data means that my request falls outside of the act because of compliance limits, then please refine my request on my behalf and do not provide data for March 2019-2020.

1. The number of disclosures made to your force under the under 'Right to Ask' during this time period, broken down by time taken to complete disclosure in the following categories:  
a) 0-20 days, b) 21-35 days and c) 36+ days.

**Of the 273 RTA applications, 102 were disclosed.**

- a) 0 – 20 days = 69**
- b) 21 – 35 days = 23**
- c) 36+ days = 10**

2. The number of disclosures made to your force under the under 'Right to Know' during this time period, broken down by time taken to complete disclosure in the following categories:  
a) 0-20 days, b) 21-35 days and c) 36+ days.

**Of the 178 RTK applications, 111 were disclosed.**

- a) 0 – 20 days = 64**
- b) 21 – 35 days = 24**
- c) 36+ days = 23**

3. The three maximum lengths of time taken to complete 'Right to Ask' disclosure during this time period (i.e. completion times in the three cases that took the longest to disclose)

**91 days, 20 days, 14 days.**

4. The three maximum lengths of time taken to complete 'Right to Know' disclosure during this time period (i.e. completion times in the three cases that took the longest to disclose)

**66 days, 57 days, 36 days.**

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](mailto: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  
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