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Date: 19th August 2021

Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/680

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18th August 2021 concerning arrests at football games.

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:

How many people have been arrested and convicted, cautioned, or acquitted, under the Football (Offences) Act 1991 in the last three football seasons for the following offence:
Indecent or racist chanting, which can be found under section 3 of the FOA 1991.

If for some reason this data is held not under football seasons but under calendar years, this is fine too. And if for some reason the data is not held on the result of the arrest (i.e conviction/caution/acquittal) then you can just provide the number of arrests.

Our response:

The Performance Team have carried out a search on our systems but could not find any incidences of racism under the Football (Offences) Act 1991, from within the last three calendar years as requested.

Please bear in mind, that despite there not being any evidence of racist incidences taking place within the time frames requested; this does not necessarily mean that it doesn't happen. This is because Officers who attend the matches may find this behaviour very difficult to pick up as they are usually tucked away down the side of the stadium, rather than in front of stands and they also don't go into the stands. The only way the Officers would be able to pick this kind of behaviour up would be if people were being very loud or a complaint was made and CCTV footage was obtained to support it.



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There may also be incidences that are dealt with at the time of the match by Officers and are therefore not crimed on our systems.

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,

Kay Moore
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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