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Our ref: FOI 2021/ 1050

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd December concerning brothel and immigration wild card and

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 Intelligence and performance team, I am happy to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

For Qs 4-7, would it be possible to obtain information via a keyword search of "brothel" in crime data, or by searching for offenses of "owning and operating a brothel", "causing/inciting prostitution for gain" or "controlling prostitution for gain" - and then break it down by gender as in the questions?

For Qs 8-11 if the information cannot be collated I would accept a policy document if one exists, or, failing that, a description of the policy around checking immigration status of people, whether or not they are suspected of committing a crime, during safeguarding visits to known or suspected brothels and executions of warrants relating to known or suspected brothels.

Response

1. 1 male, 1 female. **[WILD CARD – NOT ACCURATE REPRESENTATION]**
2. In relation to immigration checks, it is important to note that our primary focus is on safeguarding of the individuals we locate and the detection and prevention of crime (Exploitation/MSHT). Whilst we do conduct immigration checks, this is secondary to the welfare. All victims that we encounter are spoken to via interpreters (where required) and offered the services of the NRM and partner agencies such as the Medaille trust. Where we do have to deal with immigration offences, this is done in partnership with immigration.



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Further to this, under MHST policy there is nothing directly linked to brothers, but more to sexual exploitation as a whole. Here is the extract this relates to this directly;- *‘Sexual exploitation can happen to women, men and children, and it involves any non-consensual or abusive sexual acts. This includes but is not limited to prostitution, escort work and pornography. It must be borne in mind that victims of exploitation may have been deceived or coerced into giving consent without realising what they have actually consented to, many will have been deceived with promises of a better life and then controlled through violence and abuse. It is also recognised that perpetrators target vulnerable children and adults who often do not have the mental capacity to consent. It is therefore vital to establish that any consent given was true and informed.’*

‘The primary aims of the Force Modern Slavery Policy centres around the needs of the victim, whether that is accessing immediate medical treatment or managing the victim’s longer term safety and wellbeing. If the victim is a child or vulnerable adult the case should be dealt jointly with safeguarding partners who can assure support and appropriate accommodation is identified in line with existing safeguarding protocols.’

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.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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>