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Date: 17th January 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 1055

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24th December concerning stalking, non-mols, and online harassment.

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 all the information you have requested.

You wrote:

1. The total number of stalking allegations that have been received by your police force for each month between Jan 2017 December 2021 (Jan - Dec).
 - I would like this broken down by gender of complainant for each month - and gender of alleged perpetrator.
2. The total number of arrests that have been made by your police force for stalking for the years 2017-2021 (Jan-Dec)
 - If held, I would like this broken down by gender of the individual arrested for each month
- 3a) The number of Non-molestation orders your police force have applied to the CPS for between Jan 2017- Dec 2021 broken down by year
- 3b) Of these, how many applications were used in crimes relating to stalking
- 4a) Of the non-molestation orders applied for in 3a - how many were granted by the CPS.
- 4B) Of these, how many were in relation to stalking offences.
- 5a) Since Stalking Protection Orders were brought in in Jan 2020 - how many SPO applications has your police force made - broken down by year.



5b) Of those, how many of those have been granted by the CPS

6a) Since 2017 how many reports of online harassment has your police force received - broken down by year

6b) Of those, how many relate to stalking/offended

Our response:

The information that you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. Wiltshire Police currently do not have the capability within our systems to immediately how many non-molestation orders were made during the given years. This is because the order is attached to the person profile as opposed to the crime/occurrence, meaning we would have to sift through every single occurrence to see if a non-mol had been generated/added.

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.

Under our s16 duty, we have provided you with the rest of the information we were able to obtain under the timelimit left. Please see the results below;-

Q1&2:-

Victim

Reported.Year	Gender	Crimes	Non Crime Incidents
2017	Totals	49	11
	F	39	7
	M	10	4
2018	Totals	139	6
	F	117	1
	M	23	5
2019	Totals	227	24
	F	201	22
	M	26	2
2020	Totals	531	115
	F	429	90
	M	103	25
2021	Totals	502	57
	F	414	45
	M	90	12

Suspect

Reported.Year	Gender	Crimes	Non Crime Incidents
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2017	Totals	20	3
	F	2	1
	M	18	3
2018	Totals	29	0
	F	4	0
	M	26	0
2019	Totals	71	8
	F	5	0
	M	66	8
2020	Totals	120	21
	F	6	1
	M	115	20
2021	Totals	106	16
	F	8	0
	M	98	16

Suspect / Arrested / Offender

Reported.Year	Gender	Crimes	Non Crime Incidents
2017	Totals	43	8
	F	7	4
	M	38	6
2018	Totals	132	4
	F	20	0
	M	114	4
2019	Totals	216	20
	F	25	1
	M	195	19
2020	Totals	501	96
	F	94	18
	M	417	78
2021	Totals	458	53
	F	82	7
	M	378	46

Above using the below crime codes

OffenceDescription	HO_Code
Breach of Stalking Order/Interim Stalking Order	8/74
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking without violence	8/56
Stalking involving fear of violence	8/65
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	8/66
Stalking without fear/alarm/distress	195/12
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking with fear of violence	8/58

Q6:-

Crime Sub Group - Stalking & Harrassment

Reported.Year	Crimes	Non Crime Incidents
2017	310	39
2018	560	75
2019	1005	184
2020	1278	222
2021	1744	215

Stalking

Reported.Year	Crimes	Occurrences
2017	6	0
2018	17	0
2019	35	2
2020	108	21
2021	177	10

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.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

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