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XXXXXXXXX
By email

Date: 26th January 2022

Our ref: FOI 2021/1056

Reply contact name is: Abigail Standidge

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26th December 2021, concerning cruelty and child neglect offences.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- 1) From 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 how many cruelty or neglect of children offences were reported to you?
- 2) From 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 how many cruelty or neglect of children offences were reported to you?

Can you also provide:

1. The outcome for each offence.
2. The age range of victims.
3. The most commonly reported type of offence.

Our response

Please note:

- Each child in a family would be classed as a victim and would have their own occurrence, therefore each age does not reflect one family but one child within that family.
- All of the reported offences are the same (cruelty to and neglect of children), however some of the common themes noted from the summaries of the occurrences are: intoxication, standards of living conditions and abuse. These may not be accurate (i.e. the report may have been malicious) and therefore providing an accurate response would involve manually reviewing each report.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

			Reported Age																
Reported Year	Offence Description	Detection Status	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
2020	Cruelty to and neglect of children	Totals	4	5	2	3	1	1	3	2	4	3	1	1	4	3		1	
		1: Summoned/postal requisition									1	1	1			1		1	
		1A: Alternate offence charged					1												
		3: Adult caution							1										
		3A: Alternate offence adult caution	1																
		15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1		1	1					1								
		15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2	2				1	1	2	1	1			1	1			
		16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified													1				
		20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy		2	1	2			1		1	1		1	2	1			
		New		1															
2021	Cruelty to and neglect of children	Totals	5	7	8	2	8	1	6	3	3	3	1	7	5	1	2		
		1: Charged					1	1		1		1		1	1				
		1: Summoned/postal requisition		1	1														
		1A: Alternate offence charged		1															
		3: Adult caution			1														
		3A: Alternate offence adult caution								1				1		1			
		13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill																	
		15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		1	2	1	1		3	1				1					
		20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1	2	2	1	4		2	1		2		2	2		2		
		New	4	2	2		2		1		2		1	2	2				

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

Abigail Standidge
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:

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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 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/>