

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/728

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th September 2021 concerning common assault cases that were flagged as domestic abuse cases.

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 and our response:

- 1.) Please disclose the total number of Common Assault cases that were flagged as domestic abuse cases reported to your police force in the financial years:
 - a. 2016-17
 - b. 2017-18
 - c. 2018-19
 - d. 2019-20
 - e. 2020-21

For reference Q1 is aiming to get the total figure of these cases so as to compare the numbers in Q2 and Q3.

Reported Fiscal Year	Crimes	Non-Crime Incidents
2016-2017	1583	133
2017-2018	1724	122
2018-2019	1972	178
2019-2020	2039	252
2020-2021	2144	234

Please note –

- H/O code 8/57 Common Assault & H/O Code 105/1 Racially or Religiously Aggravated Common Assault were used.
- NICL Qualifier Domestic Abuse.
- The data provided is correct as at 13/09/2021.



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- 2.) Please disclose the number of Common Assault cases that were flagged as domestic abuse cases that passed the six month limit for prosecuting and were therefore not prosecuted in the financial years:
- a. 2016-17
 - b. 2017-18
 - c. 2018-19
 - d. 2019-20
 - e. 2020-21

I would like cases to be counted for the year where the report/allegation was received – so a case that is reported in Dec 2018 but the six month prosecution limit elapses in June 2019 should be counted in the 2018 figure. I hope that makes sense but please let me know if you need me to clarify anything.

Reported Fiscal Year	Crimes
2016-2017	62
2017-2018	62
2018-2019	80
2019-2020	129
2020-2021	190

Outcome 17 – Suspect identified but prosecution time expired.

- 3.) Please disclose the number of Common Assault cases that were flagged as domestic abuse cases that resulted in charges being brought against the alleged perpetrator in the financial years:
- a. 2016-17
 - b. 2017-18
 - c. 2018-19
 - d. 2019-20
 - e. 2020-21

As in Q2, I would like you to count these cases by the year the original report/allegation was received rather than the year in which charges were brought (if charges were brought in a subsequent year)

Reported Fiscal Year	Crimes
2016-2017	111
2017-2018	109
2018-2019	127
2019-2020	113
2020-2021	64

The table above shows the charged/summonsed data for the specific crime codes 8/57 & 105/1.

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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