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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 24th September 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 744

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th September 2021 concerning Hate Crimes – Sexual Orientation and Transgender.

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 Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

My request concerns hate crime offences where the motivating factor was sexual orientation or transgender identity.

Could you supply the following figures for each calendar month in 2019, 2020 and 2021, up to August 31 2021 (or the most recent available month):

(1) The total number of hate crime offences recorded by your force in each month where the motivating factor was sexual orientation, or transgender identity. Please include separate totals.

Reported Month Year	Sexual Orientation	Transgender	Total
Jan-2019	7	2	9
Feb-2019	4	4	8
Mar-2019	3	1	4
Apr-2019	11	3	14
May-2019	7	5	12
Jun-2019	8	5	13
Jul-2019	5	1	6



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Aug-2019	7	4	11
Sep-2019	9	2	11
Oct-2019	2	4	6
Nov-2019	4	2	6
Dec-2019	8	4	12
Jan-2020	15	1	16
Feb-2020	11	3	14
Mar-2020	8	1	9
Apr-2020	9	2	11
May-2020	8	1	9
Jun-2020	15	3	18
Jul-2020	9	3	12
Aug-2020	7	1	8
Sep-2020	18	4	22
Oct-2020	13	0	13
Nov-2020	5	0	5
Dec-2020	7	4	11
Jan-2021	8	2	10
Feb-2021	6	0	6
Mar-2021	14	1	15
Apr-2021	9	0	9
May-2021	20	2	22
Jun-2021	23	5	28
Jul-2021	20	1	21
Aug-2021	13	2	15

(2) Of the totals for (1), how many were offences classed as violence against the person.

Reported Month Year	Sexual Orientation	Transgender	Total
Jan-2019	4	1	5
Feb-2019	2	3	5
Mar-2019	2	0	2
Apr-2019	3	1	4
May-2019	3	2	5
Jun-2019	2	2	4
Jul-2019	4	0	4
Aug-2019	3	3	6
Sep-2019	4	0	4
Oct-2019	2	0	2
Nov-2019	2	0	2
Dec-2019	2	2	4

Jan-2020	9	1	10
Feb-2020	6	3	9
Mar-2020	4	0	4
Apr-2020	2	0	2
May-2020	1	1	2
Jun-2020	6	1	7
Jul-2020	3	0	3
Aug-2020	5	1	6
Sep-2020	10	2	12
Oct-2020	5	0	5
Nov-2020	1	0	1
Dec-2020	2	3	5
Jan-2021	1	1	2
Feb-2021	4	0	4
Mar-2021	6	1	7
Apr-2021	6	0	6
May-2021	6	0	6
Jun-2021	10	2	12
Jul-2021	6	1	7
Aug-2021	4	1	5

(3) Of the totals for (1), how many were classed as online offences.

Reported Month Year	Sexual Orientation	Transgender	Total
Jan-2019	0	0	0
Feb-2019	1	0	1
Mar-2019	0	0	0
Apr-2019	0	0	0
May-2019	2	0	2
Jun-2019	0	0	0
Jul-2019	0	0	0
Aug-2019	1	0	1
Sep-2019	2	0	2
Oct-2019	0	0	0
Nov-2019	0	0	0
Dec-2019	1	2	3
Jan-2020	0	1	1
Feb-2020	0	2	2
Mar-2020	0	0	0
Apr-2020	2	0	2
May-2020	1	1	2
Jun-2020	3	1	4

Jul-2020	2	0	2
Aug-2020	0	0	0
Sep-2020	0	0	0
Oct-2020	3	0	3
Nov-2020	1	0	1
Dec-2020	2	2	4
Jan-2021	1	0	1
Feb-2021	0	0	0
Mar-2021	4	1	5
Apr-2021	3	0	3
May-2021	3	0	3
Jun-2021	3	2	5
Jul-2021	1	0	1
Aug-2021	1	1	2

Please Note :

As a Force we currently report Hate Crimes under 5 different strands, of which Sexual Orientation and Transgender are just two.

The tags applied to crime records to determine the NICL qualifying code used to identify Hate Crimes are subject to the accuracy of the inputter at the time the crime is recorded on our systems.

For the purposes of the response to Q3, we hold flags on our system to determine whether a crime is cyber-related or not. Again, the input of these flags is subject to the accuracy of the inputter at the time the crime is recorded.

More than 1 qualifier can apply to each individual crime record – eg some hate crimes may be recorded as both a Sexual Orientation and Transgender offence.

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,

Nick Penny
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 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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