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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/931

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th November 2021 concerning reports of domestic abuse.

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 the information you have requested.

You wrote:

Please share the following information regarding Amesbury and Warminster stations only, other than Q4 which requires both overall force figure and data relating to the stations.

Please note that there are four parts to this request.

Per financial year, from 2018 up to and including 2020, please share the following data regarding domestic abuse:

- 1) Number and rate of domestic abuse-related incidents and crimes recorded
- 2) Number and rate of domestic abuse-related crimes recorded by the police
- 3) Domestic abuse-related crimes as a percentage of all crimes
- 4) How many cases were referred to the multi-agency risk assessment conferences (MARAC)? Please share the overall figure for the entire police force and also the specific data for the stations.

Our response:

The information that you are requesting (namely question 4) is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.



In order for us to ascertain the number of cases that have been referred to MARAC, this would involve us having to manually go through each domestic abuse related report that has been made over the time frame requested to see if a referral was made. Even if we were to do this, there could be a possibility that the referral was not noted within the report itself so we would likely have to delve deeper by contacting Officers involved in the case to see if they were aware that a referral was made or not. As a result, this would take us well over the allocated time frame we have to complete your request within and the information requested is therefore exempt from disclosure.

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.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below:

Please note, that we do not hold 'Station' data but have provided you with the following information in relation to the relevant Community Policing Teams (CPTs).

Questions 1 and 2 of your request appear to ask for the same information so I have combined these two questions together below. Also, please be aware that we were able to retrieve the following figures in relation to domestic abuse related incidences because we were able to search on the NICL Qualifier for DA tagged crimes and incidences.

Q1 & Q2.)

Reported Fiscal Year	CPT	DA Tagged Crimes	DA Tagged Non Crime Incidents
2018-2019	Totals	938	758
	Amesbury CPT	461	364
	Warminster CPT	477	394
2019-2020	Totals	961	853
	Amesbury CPT	508	453
	Warminster CPT	453	400
2020-2021	Totals	1006	949
	Amesbury CPT	503	492
	Warminster CPT	503	457

With regards to question 3, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we are not obligated to create information for the purpose of answering FOI requests and as a result, I have disclosed to you the following table which shows the total number of crimes that have been dealt with by either the Amesbury or Warminster CPTs, so you are able to work out from the figures provided in the table below and the table above the percentage of domestic abuse crimes that have been reported as a percentage of all crimes that these teams have been allocated. Please see the table below for more information:

Reported Fiscal Year	CPT	Total Crimes	Total Non Crime Incidents
2018-2019	Totals	5534	8662

	<i>Amesbury CPT</i>	<i>2547</i>	<i>4332</i>
	<i>Warminster CPT</i>	<i>2987</i>	<i>4330</i>
<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>Totals</i>	<i>5944</i>	<i>9586</i>
	<i>Amesbury CPT</i>	<i>2648</i>	<i>5225</i>
	<i>Warminster CPT</i>	<i>3296</i>	<i>4361</i>
<i>2020-2021</i>	<i>Totals</i>	<i>4828</i>	<i>10841</i>
	<i>Amesbury CPT</i>	<i>2181</i>	<i>5123</i>
	<i>Warminster CPT</i>	<i>2647</i>	<i>5718</i>

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request in respect of question 4 to a more manageable level and in order to do this, I would suggest you contact Wiltshire Council for this information as we believe that this information is recorded by them in a manner that would be more easily retrievable.

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.

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 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
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