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Reply contact name is: Francesca Smith

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/2/2022 concerning screened out/uninvestigated crime.

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 Unit at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

I would like to know the a) number and b) proportion of crimes that were screened out or closed without investigation on the same day that they were reported.

By 'screened out' I mean cases where a crime reference was issued but no subsequent investigation or follow-up was ever carried out. This can be after an initial/primary assessment to identify those that are more likely to be solvable.

Please provide data for each of the last three calendar years: 2019, 2020 and 2021.

As well as the totals for each year, please provide a breakdown by offence subgroup showing:

- Homicide
- Violence without injury
- Possession of weapons offences
- Vehicle offences
- Other sexual offences
- Miscellaneous crimes against society
- Rape
- Violence with injury
- Domestic burglary
- Non-domestic burglary
- Robbery
- All other theft offences
- Theft from the person
- Bicycle theft
- Shoplifting



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

- Fraud offences
- Arson
- Criminal damage
- Public order offences
- Trafficking of drugs
- Possession of drugs

Response

Please see the below tables.

Crimes Filed at first Submission

Crime SubGroup	2019	2020	2021
All Other Theft Offences	63	44	61
Arson	18	15	8
Bicycle Theft	414	241	214
Burglary Business And Community	414	208	129
Burglary Residential	531	368	273
Criminal Damage	2111	1509	1463
Death Or Serious Injury Caused By Illegal Driving	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	9	17	31
Other Sexual Offences	7	5	2
Other Theft	1923	1010	903
Possession Of Drugs	5	7	1
Possession Of Weapons	2	1	-
Public Order Offences	72	68	71
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1
Shoplifting	1889	887	1041
Stalking And Harassment	35	27	33
Theft From The Person	137	64	52
Trafficking Of Drugs	0	0	0
Vehicle Offences	1567	1159	907
Violence With Injury	28	16	12
Violence Without Injury	33	23	15
Total	9259	5670	5217

All Crime

Crime SubGroup	2019	2020	2021
All Other Theft Offences	622	570	654
Arson	151	133	122
Bicycle Theft	843	522	610
Burglary Business And Community	1136	735	514
Burglary Residential	1885	1236	1099
Criminal Damage	5728	4915	4950
Death Or Serious Injury Caused By Illegal Driving	9	8	-
Homicide	2	3	3
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	592	743	682

Other Sexual Offences	1007	926	1140
Other Theft	3679	2232	2168
Possession Of Drugs	1080	1266	920
Possession Of Weapons	447	349	342
Public Order Offences	2931	3484	3701
Rape	524	525	539
Robbery	355	287	314
Shoplifting	4609	2456	2505
Stalking And Harassment	3247	3883	4104
Theft From The Person	356	190	179
Trafficking Of Drugs	455	372	296
Vehicle Offences	2630	2205	1925
Violence With Injury	5959	5521	5822
Violence Without Injury	6215	6160	6986
Total	44462	38721	39575

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

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
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>