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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 091

Reply contact name is:

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27th January 2022 concerning Prostitution.

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:

Q1. For each calendar year from 2016 up to and including 2021, how many people have been arrested for Loitering or Soliciting for Prostitution? Please provide a breakdown of gender and race.

Q2. For each calendar year from 2016 up to and including 2021, how many people have been arrested for keeping a brothel? Please provide a breakdown of gender and race.

Q3. For each calendar year from 2016 up to and including 2021, how many people have been arrested for paying for the sexual services? Please provide a breakdown of gender and race.

Q4. For each calendar year from 2016 up to and including 2021, how many people have been arrested "Kerb Crawling"? Please provide a breakdown of gender and race.

Q5. For each calendar year from 2016 up to and including 2021, how many people have been arrested for having sex with a trafficked person, according to Section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, which created a summary-only offence of paying for the sexual services of a prostitute subjected to force



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Our response:

The information that you are requesting, namely for question 4 is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. "Kerb Crawling" is not listed as an arrest reason, therefore we currently do not have the capability within our systems to flag information on if individuals have been arrested for "Kerb Crawling" which can then be analysed quickly and easily. The only possible way to obtain this data would be to manually search through all offences which "Kerb Crawling" would fall under during the years you are requesting to determine if the incident/crime related to this.

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 the following:

- **An individual can be arrested for more than one arrest reason at the same time - each reason may or may not be charged**
- **The offence that an individual is arrested for may not be the offence they are charged for - therefore there is not a direct link between arrest reason & detection status**
- **Data is live and correct as of 28th January 2022**
- **Person self-defined race is not a mandatory field so data may not be included**
- **Race of individuals has been given in a separate table to avoid your request falling foul of section 40 – Personal Information.**

Question 1

Arrest Year	Arrest Reason	Gender
2016	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M
2017	Person persistently solicit for the purposes of prostitution	M
2017	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M
2017	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (Sec 51A SOA 2003)	M
2018	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M
2018	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M

2018	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M
2018	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (Sec 51A SOA 2003)	M
2019	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M

Race	
W1. White British	3
NS. Not stated	3
W9. Any other white background	2
M1. White & Black Caribbean	1

Question 2

Arrest Year	Arrest Reason	Gender
2016	Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution (recordable)	F
2016	Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution (recordable)	F
2016	Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution (recordable)	M
2016	Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution (recordable)	M
2016	Manage / assist in management of a heterosexual brothel (recordable)	F
2018	Conspire to manage / assist in management of a brothel (recordable)	M
2018	Conspire to manage / assist in management of a brothel (recordable)	M
2018	Conspire to manage / assist in management of a brothel (recordable)	M
2018	Conspire to manage / assist in management of a brothel (recordable)	F
2018	Conspire to manage / assist in management of a brothel (recordable)	M
2018	Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution (recordable)	F
2018	Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution (recordable)	M
2018	Keep a brothel (recordable)	F
2018	Manage / assist in management of a heterosexual brothel (recordable)	F

2021	Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution (recordable)	F
2021	Keep / manage a brothel used for prostitution (recordable)	M

Race	
W1. White British	1
W9. Any other white background	11
A9. Any other Asian background	1
NS. Not stated	1
O9. Any other ethnic group	1
O1. Chinese	1

Question 3

Question 3 also includes the arrest reason of soliciting another for the purpose of prostitution as this arrest reason relates to paying for sexual services from a person. Question 1 also includes those listed under this arrest reason, as per the requestors question. Therefore, this question will duplicate data under this arrest reason and the figures provided are not in addition to those provided in question one. The term "paid for" has been included in this data as Q3 relates to "paid for sexual services" and may not directly relate to prostitution.

Arrest Year	Arrest Reason	Gender
2016	Paid for the sexual services of a girl 13 to 15 - no penetration - SOA 2003 (recordable)	M
2016	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M
2017	Common assault (recordable)	M
2017	Person persistently solicit for the purposes of prostitution	M
2017	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M
2017	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (Sec 51A SOA 2003)	M
2018	Attempt robbery (recordable)	M
2018	Paying for the sexual services of a boy aged 16 / 17 - SOA 2003 (recordable)	M
2018	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M
2018	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M

2018	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M
2018	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (Sec 51A SOA 2003)	M
2019	Solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street / public place (recordable)	M
2020	Paying for the sexual services of a boy 13 to 15 - no penetration - SOA 2003 (recordable)	M
2020	Paying for the sexual services of a boy 13 to 15 - no penetration - SOA 2003 (recordable)	M
2020	Paying for the sexual services of a girl aged 16 / 17 - SOA 2003 (recordable)	M
2021	Paying for the sexual services of a boy aged 16 / 17 - SOA 2003 (recordable)	M
2021	Paying for the sexual services of a girl 13 to 15 - penetration - SOA 2003 (recordable)	M

Race	
W1. White British	7
W9. Any other white background	4
NS. Not stated	4
M1. White & Black Caribbean	1
A1. Asian – Indian	1

Question 5

None

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. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

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,

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 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:

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Water Lane
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