



Via Email



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**Our ref: FOI 2022/242**

Reply contact name is:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/03/2022 concerning stalking protection orders.

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 able to respond as follows.

**You wrote:**

1. How many incidents of stalking have been recorded in your force area in the last three reporting years for which figures are available? If you do not have three years of data, or if providing three years would take too long to collate, please provide the latest 12-month period for which figures are available. I don't mind whether it's financial years, calendar years, or other 12-month periods.
2. How many stalking protection orders have been issued by your police force in the last three reporting years for which figures are available? If you do not have three years of data, or if providing three years would take too long to collate, please provide the latest 12-month period for which figures are available. I don't mind whether it's financial years, calendar years, or other 12-month periods.
3. How many breaches of a stalking protection order have been recorded in your police force area in the last three reporting years for which figures are available? If you do not have three years of data, or if providing three years would take too long to collate, please provide the latest 12-month period for which figures are available. I don't mind whether it's financial years, calendar years, or other 12-month periods



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## Response

### Question 1:

| ReportedYear | Offence Description                                                             | Crimes |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 2019         | Totals                                                                          | 228    |
|              | Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking with fear of violence | 3      |
|              | Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking without violence      | 7      |
|              | Stalking involving fear of violence                                             | 41     |
|              | Stalking involving serious alarm/distress                                       | 61     |
|              | Stalking without fear/alarm/distress                                            | 116    |
| 2020         | Totals                                                                          | 526    |
|              | Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking with fear of violence | 7      |
|              | Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking without violence      | 26     |
|              | Stalking involving fear of violence                                             | 70     |
|              | Stalking involving serious alarm/distress                                       | 94     |
|              | Stalking without fear/alarm/distress                                            | 329    |
| 2021         | Totals                                                                          | 506    |
|              | Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking with fear of violence | 2      |
|              | Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking without violence      | 31     |
|              | Stalking involving fear of violence                                             | 43     |
|              | Stalking involving serious alarm/distress                                       | 97     |
|              | Stalking without fear/alarm/distress                                            | 333    |

### Question 2: (Please note data for 2020 and 2021 only)

| Reported Year | Offence Description | Crimes |
|---------------|---------------------|--------|
| 2020          | SPOs Granted        | 8      |
| 2021          | SPOs Granted        | 4      |

**Question 3: (Please note data for 2020 and 2021 only)**

| <b>Reported Year</b> | <b>Offence Description</b>                      | <b>Crimes</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2020                 | Breach of Stalking Order/Interim Stalking Order | 5             |
| 2021                 | Breach of Stalking Order/Interim Stalking Order | 3             |

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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>**