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By Email

Date: 1st October 2021

Our ref: FOI 2021/ 730

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10th September 2021 concerning victims 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 having consulted our performance team, I am happy to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

In relation to the years, April 2017-March 2018, April 2018- March 2019, and April 2019- March 2020, I require the following information,

The number of cases recorded by Wiltshire Police that were flagged as domestic abuse and involve a victim/victims aged over 65 wherein the crime outcome type is one of the following,

Outcome 10: "Not in public interest (Police): Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police decision)."

Outcome 14 - "Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action: Evidential difficulties victim based – named suspect not identified. The crime is confirmed but the victim declines or is unable to support further police action to identify the offender." and/or,

Outcome 16: "Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action: Evidential difficulties victim based – named suspect identified. The victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action."

A breakdown of the gender of the victims identified above.

A breakdown of the relationship between victim to offender/principal suspect in these cases.



Response

Q1		
Reported.FiscalYear	DetectionStatus	Crimes
2017-2018	Totals	89
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	89
2018-2019	Totals	135
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	135
2019-2020	Totals	112
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	111

NICL Qualifier - Domestic Abuse
 Person Role -Victim
 Age - Over 65
 There is no Outcome 10 recorded

Q2		
Reported.FiscalYear	Gender	Crimes
2017-2018	Totals	209
	F	142
	M	69
2018-2019	Totals	254
	F	161
	M	94
2019-2020	Totals	254
	F	166
	M	88

Reported.FiscalYear	VictimAccusedRelationship	Crimes
2017-2018	Totals	209
	-	0
	Acquaintance	2
	Brother (incl. step/half/adopted)	2
	Cousin	0
	Daughter (incl. step/half/adopted)	17
	Ex spouse/partner	14
	Family - other	7
	Father (incl. step/half/adopted)	2
	Grandchild (incl. step/adopted)	19
	Mother (incl. step/half/adopted)	3
	Neighbour	3
	None	5
	NULL	1
	Sister (incl. step/half/adopted)	2
	Son (incl. step/half/adopted)	54
	Spouse/partner	77

	Victimless/crime against state	1
2018-2019	Totals	254
	Acquaintance	2
	Brother (incl. step/half/adopted)	1
	Daughter (incl. step/half/adopted)	24
	Ex spouse/partner	22
	Family - other	7
	Father (incl. step/half/adopted)	3
	Grandchild (incl. step/adopted)	19
	Grandparent (incl. step/adopted)	3
	Mother (incl. step/half/adopted)	3
	Neighbour	1
	Nephew	1
	None	6
	NULL	3
	Other	5
	Sister (incl. step/half/adopted)	0
	Son (incl. step/half/adopted)	65
	Spouse/partner	88
	Victimless/crime against state	1
2019-2020	Totals	254
	-	0
	Acquaintance	3
	Brother (incl. step/half/adopted)	4
	Daughter (incl. step/half/adopted)	20
	Ex spouse/partner	15
	Family - other	8
	Father (incl. step/half/adopted)	2
	Grandchild (incl. step/adopted)	14
	Grandparent (incl. step/adopted)	0
	Mother (incl. step/half/adopted)	2
	Nephew	2
	None	10
	NULL	1
	Other	5
	Sister (incl. step/half/adopted)	1
	Son (incl. step/half/adopted)	72
	Spouse/partner	94
	Stranger - seen but not known	1

Please note - Victim accused relationship is a non mandatory field and is often unreliable
This is because sometimes the relationship is entered the wrong way round - Accused /
Victim

At best this tag is useful to define any inter familial relationship or not

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

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

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