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Date: 27th October 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 844

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th October concerning stalking data past 10 years.

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 all the information you have requested.

You wrote:

Male stalking victim data over the previous 10 years. Number of reported incidents involving males as victims of stalking and prosecution outcomes of each reported incident. Also, female stalker data and their prosecution rates.

Our response:

The information that you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. *Due to current technical issues with our recovery software we are unable to easily interrogate data beyond 6 years and as such we would have to conduct a manual perusal. 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.*

We are working hard to address these issues and are confident that we will be able to search / retrieve the data from our systems beyond the 6 year point in the coming weeks.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill and under our s16 obligation to assist you where we can, 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.

MALE VICTIMS - CRIMES



DetectionStatus	Totals	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Totals	191	3	2	5	6	19	20	86	50
1: Charged	5	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-
1A: Alternate offence charged	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	6	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	84	-	-	-	-	7	8	49	20
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	48	-	-	1	-	4	4	27	12
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	12	-	-	1	1	3	3	3	1
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cancelled/transferred	0	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	9	1	2	2	3	1	-	-	-
Hist - 15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED	5	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
New	15	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	14

MALE VICTIM – INCIDENTS

DetectionStatus	Totals	Reported.Year				
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cancelled/transferred	40	3	3	1	24	9

FEMALE VICTIMS – CRIMES

DetectionStatus	Totals	Reported.Year									
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Totals	1128	1	9	13	17	30	35	109	197	407	310
1: Charged	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	23	19	14
1: Summoned/postal requisition	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	11	2	1
1A: Alternate offence charged	41	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	10	19	10
1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	17	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	9	5
3: Adult caution	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	1
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	1
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	14	23	3
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	444	-	-	-	-	-	1	52	87	202	102
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	248	-	-	-	2	4	7	29	39	107	60
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1

18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	28	-		2	-		1	2	3	2	3	8	7
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	3	-	-	-	-	-			1	-	-	1	1
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
Cancelled/transferred	0	-	-		0	-		0	0	0	0	0	0
Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	49		1	6	10	6	12	11	3	-	-	-	
Hist - 3. Caution-adults	2	-	-	-	-		2	-	-	-	-	-	
Hist - 15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED	33	-	-		3	7	10	10	3	-	-	-	
Hist - Youth community resolution	1	-		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
New	107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1		5	101

FEMALE VICTIM – INCIDENTS

DetectionStatus	Totals	Reported.Year					
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cancelled/transferred	159	4	6	1	20	88	40

		Reported.Year								
DetectionStatus	Totals	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Totals	198	1	3	3	5	6	19	24	85	52
1: Charged	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-
1: Summoned/postal requisition	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	102	-	-	-	-	-	10	13	55	24
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	51	-	-	-	1	2	4	5	25	14
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cancelled/transferred	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	0	0
Hist - 1. Charged/summoned	12	1	2	2	3	3	1	-	-	-
Hist - 15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED	5	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
New	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	11

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.

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,
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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 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