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XXXXXXXXXX
By email

Date: 8th November 2021

Our ref: FOI 2021/855

Reply contact name is: Abigail Standidge

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19th October 2021, concerning unlicensed music events / raves.

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 and Finance departments at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

I am writing to you today to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act for a story I am working on about the policing of unlicensed music events (also called 'raves', 'squat raves' and 'free parties') all across the UK.

Can I please request the following data, where available:

1. The total number of unlicensed music events (or 'raves', 'squat raves' or 'free parties') which were reported in your force's region/remit between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).
2. The total number of such events which officers actually responded to between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).
3. The total number of arrests made and charges or fines given to attendees or organisers of such events in your force's region/remit between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).
4. The total amount of money required to be spent by your force on policing such events between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).

Our response

Please note:



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- The data for Q1 and Q2 have been collected using the P-tag in STORM, our call handling software. This is a non-mandatory field and is subject to input error.
- The data for Q3 has been collected by identifying which of the call logs in Q1 and Q2 had been put into Niche, our crime recording system. These were then checked to determine the number of arrests.

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2. The total number of such events which officers actually responded to between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).

Year	Total	Attended	Not Attended	Grand Total
2019	12	9	3	12
2020	12	10	2	12
2021	7	5	2	7
Grand Total	31	24	7	31

3. The total number of arrests made and charges or fines given to attendees or organisers of such events in your force's region/remit between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).

1 arrest, outcome - No Further Action taken

4. The total amount of money required to be spent by your force on policing such events between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).

No information held. This type of cost would not be provided as a separate figure.

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

Abigail Standidge
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

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/>