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XXXXXXXXXX
By email

Date: 11th November 2021

Our ref: FOI 2021/874

Reply contact name is: Abigail Standidge

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your further query, dated 9th November 2021, which was in response to your request for information dated 24th October 2021, concerning racially motivated hate crimes.

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 department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

Initial request

1) A summary of the number of 'racist incidents' and 'racially motivated hate crimes' taking place in each of the wards inside your police force area (or, if that is not possible, another small geographic area, such as policing neighbourhood, postcode or census output area). I am seeking minimally yearly data for these categories from January 2012 to March 2017, though quarterly data are preferred if possible.

2) If information about the ethnicity of the victim is available, please provide a breakdown of the same information (number of 'racist incidents' and 'racially motivated hate crimes' by ward by quarter or year from January 2012 to March 2017) by ethnicity of the victim.

Further query, dated 9th November 2021

I believe you have provided data on Hub Area, of which there are only three listed in the spreadsheet.

However, I requested data broken down by the ward level (or, if that wasn't possible, other small geographic areas, all of which are much smaller than Hub Area).

Could you please confirm if the data exists on the ward level or some other small geographic area like Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)/Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) level?



Our response

Please see attached Excel spreadsheet. Please note:-

- NICL (National Incident Category List) qualifiers are subject to human error. They can be applied when not a Hate Crime, not applied when they should be, or the wrong Hate Crime strand can be chosen.
- More than 1 Prejudice qualifier can be added to each Hate Crime, and therefore breaking down the crimes by Hate Crime stand will give a greater number of total crimes.
- Self-Defined race is not a mandatory field and therefore this data may be limited or include unknowns.

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:

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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/>