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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 18th November 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 965

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18h November 2021 concerning Anti-Vaccine Protests at Schools.

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 Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

1. The number of reports that schools in the area have made to the police about anti-vaccination protests inside or just outside the school between September 2020-November 2021.

One, in October 2021

2. Ideally I would like a monthly breakdown of the information for the last academic year (Sept 2020 - August 2021) as well as the current academic year (Sept 2021 - November 2021).

See response to Q1

3. The nature of each incident, whether it was inside or outside the school, and whether police attended the incident.

The incident involved a small group of protestors, it was outside the school, there was a police attendance.



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4. What action was taken (for example how many arrests or cautions) as a result of the reports. If action was taken, please can you provide a breakdown of what the action related to.

Words of Advice were given, after which the group dispersed. This attendance was followed by regular police patrols.

5. Please can you also set out the number of times that schools have contacted police over threatening communications relating to Covid-19 vaccines being offered at their school in this period - and what action (if any) was taken.

No information held.

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,

Nick Penny
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.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