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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 159

Dear \*\*\*\*,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 concerning the importation of child-sized 'sex' dolls and downloaded child abuse images.

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 Intelligence Unit I am now able to respond as follows.

**You wrote:**

Dates: From the start of recording, broken down year by year.

1) Specific Offences: Sex Dolls - Childlike

Knowingly acquiring possession of goods with respect to the importation of which any prohibition or restriction is in force, namely the prohibition or restriction on the importation of indecent or obscene articles, contrary to section 42 of the Customs and Consolidation Act 1876 ("CCA 1876") and section 170(1)(a) Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 ("CEMA 1979").

And also:

2) Indecent Images of Children– The Offences

The two main offence creating provisions are:

- Section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978 (PCA 1978); and
- Section 160 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (CJA 1988)

3) If your force always checks the computer devices for downloads of child abuse images in the event that a person has been caught importing child-sized 'sex dolls'?

4) In the event that your force does not check computer devices, please can you provide the rationale for not doing so?

**Clarification sought from applicant as questions 3 and 4 are not valid:**



I would like to know if it is a routine procedure for your force to check the computer devices (phones/ computer hard drives) of those who you have arrested for importing child-sized sex dolls - offences detailed in my previous email.

I have asked this question of other forces and encountered no problems. I think that the question is quite self-explanatory.

If this is not a routine procedure in your force, please would you take the time to find out why?

If you cannot answer questions 3 and 4, 1 and 2 alone would be adequate.

**Our response:**

Question 1: **None.**

Question 2: **Offence Description - Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child**

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|------|-----------|
| 2006 | <b>6</b>  |
| 2007 | <b>22</b> |
| 2008 | <b>15</b> |
| 2009 | <b>19</b> |
| 2010 | <b>14</b> |
| 2011 | <b>13</b> |
| 2012 | <b>11</b> |
| 2013 | <b>16</b> |
| 2014 | <b>29</b> |
| 2015 | <b>18</b> |
| 2016 | <b>18</b> |
| 2017 | <b>43</b> |
| 2018 | <b>20</b> |
| 2019 | <b>21</b> |
| 2020 | <b>17</b> |
| 2021 | <b>24</b> |
| 2022 | <b>7</b>  |

**Offence description - Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children**

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|------|------------|
| 2006 | <b>4</b>   |
| 2007 | <b>7</b>   |
| 2008 | <b>17</b>  |
| 2009 | <b>19</b>  |
| 2010 | <b>20</b>  |
| 2011 | <b>46</b>  |
| 2012 | <b>35</b>  |
| 2013 | <b>53</b>  |
| 2014 | <b>109</b> |
| 2015 | <b>197</b> |
| 2016 | <b>201</b> |
| 2017 | <b>259</b> |
| 2018 | <b>215</b> |
| 2019 | <b>208</b> |
| 2020 | <b>308</b> |
| 2021 | <b>314</b> |

Question 3: **No Information Held.**

Question 4: **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,

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](mailto: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](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk)