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XXXXXXXX
By email

Date: 22nd April 2022

Our ref: FOI 2022/241

Reply contact name is: Abigail Standidge

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th March 2022, concerning Stalking Protection Orders. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

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 Staff Officer to National Stalking & Harassment Lead and Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

We are undertaking a project to establish the use of Stalking Protection Orders between 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021. To this end, we are writing to ask if, under the auspices of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you could kindly provide the following information:

- The number of Interim Stalking Protection Orders applied for and granted during 2021 (01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021)
- The number of Full Stalking Protection Orders applied for and granted during 2021
- The number of Stalking Protection Orders breached during 2021

Our response

The number of Interim Stalking Protection Orders applied for and granted during 2021 (01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021)

The number of Full Stalking Protection Orders applied for and granted during 2021

7 x Stalking Protection Orders (SPOs) applied for – 5 x interim & main, 1 x main, 1 x interim

Please note:



Although it is noted by the Force, data relating to the number of applications submitted is collated by the OPCC's office. The Force claims money back for SPOs, and the above figure has been provided based on the number of SPOs which have been claimed back. The above figure has been provided based on the Force's interpretation of the records held by us and therefore may not be accurate or reliable.

Information relating to SPOs that have been granted does not belong to Wiltshire Police. Under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, I would suggest you contact HM Courts Service or the Ministry of Justice to see if they are able to assist you further in relation to SPOs granted.

The number of Stalking Protection Orders breached during 2021

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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 Fol 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/>