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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 18th May 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 405

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th May 2022 concerning Non-Crime Hate Incidents.

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) How many non-crime hate incidents have been recorded by your force in the 2021 calendar year?

NOTE: I understand non-crime hate incidents are recorded through the 'Hate Crime Operational Guidance (HCOG)' issued by the College of Policing. According to the guidance, a non-crime hate incident is an incident which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards one of the following: disability; race; religion; transgender identity and sexual orientation.

During 2021, Wiltshire Police recorded 315 non-crime Hate Incidents.

INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

2) In relation to the non-crime hate incidents recorded in 2021 please provide a breakdown by the hate motivation? Please provide this using the categories you use for this task, however, I would expect that some or all of the following would be included: Alternative subculture, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender, anti-semitic, asylum seeker/refugee, gypsy/traveller, islamaphobic and migrant worker.

Wiltshire Police currently only record Hate Crimes and Incidents by a limited number of NICL Qualifier Codes as defined by NSIR (National Standard for Incident Recording) 2011.

The non-crime Hate Incidents for 2021 can be broken down by NICL code as follows :-

NICL Qualifier	Incidents
Prejudice - Disability	33
Prejudice - Racial	208
Prejudice - Religion	9
Prejudice - Sexual orientation	48
Prejudice - Transgender	17
Grand Total	315

We do not currently break crimes or incidents by any other categories such as gypsy/traveller, anti-semitic etc.

3) In relation to all non-crime hate incidents that were logged by your force in the calendar month of September 2021 could you please provide me with (i) the exact nature of the actions or exact words used, (ii) where it was carried out (either a location such as school, workplace, street etc, or a specific social media platform/internet, and (iii) the age of the perpetrator if known.

NOTE: In Question 3 I am content for any details to be redacted so that the identity of the victim and perpetrator are not disclosed, but I would like as much detail about the circumstances of the incident as possible.

There were 11 non-crime Hate incidents recorded in September 2021, details as follows :-

Occurrence Summary	Age of Perpetrator	Location
Known male suspect has approached the IP and called her a "BLACK FAT CUNT".	26	Bar

Known male suspect has approached the IP saying "you are a cunt". When the IP has asked the suspect why he was swearing at him the suspect has walked away, however he has returned shortly afterwards to say "You are a black cunt".	24	Hospital
Known suspect has posted comment on social media (Facebook) calling the IP 'POLISH TWAT' which IP found offensive. Same suspect has also previously called her a 'FUCKING BITCH'	38	Home
Known male suspect has been shouting and swearing on the bus. It is believed that he was intoxicated. When the male finally left the bus he has racially abused an unknown IP. It is not known exactly what was said but the RP witnessed this.	70	Public Transport
A known female suspect has used racist language ('Polish Bitch') towards IP causing offence.	56	Home (flats)
Known male suspect has approached the IP and her children in the shouting for them to be quiet. The male has shouted at the IP 'Your a bitch go back to your fucking country'	28	Home (flats)
Known male has sent the RP messages calling her boyfriend and daughter a 'PAKI' and said they would come round and slap her up. The messages have come through Facebook via a third party and not directly to the IP	18	Home
RACIAL COMMENTS TO 14 YR OLD (She 'shouldn't be with a black man').	46	Home
IP has been followed home by three male suspects, one of the suspects has called the IP names such as 'LEPRECHAUN' and 'SHORTIE'. The same suspect also called the IP's friend names.	11	Street / Home
Known male suspect has been racially abusive towards an unknown member of staff in the custody suite while being booked in for a separate offence - specific words not logged.	27	Custody Suite

Known male suspect has sent the IP voice messages over Facebook, verbally abusing her due to her mental illness / disability ('messed up in the head').	52	Home
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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,

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:

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