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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 419

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th May 2022 concerning Child sexual abuse investigations with more than one suspect.

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:

- The total number of investigations carried out between 2012 and the present date into child sexual abuse in which there was more than one suspect named by the complainant or complainants
- The calendar year each investigation was started
- The total number of suspects named in each investigation
- The total number of suspects arrested as a result of each investigation
- The total number of suspects charged as a result of each investigation

Our response:**Please note the following:**

The data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data. Data is live and correct as at 25/05/22.

This data includes both crimes and non-crime incidents.



The selection used to retrieve this data is the local qualifier for Child Sexual Abuse (CSA). This is a non-mandatory flag which is entirely reliant on being accurately inputted when the crime or incident is recorded. It is possible that some occurrences have not had the tag applied correctly.

The person roles of suspect, offender or arrested have been used to retrieve this data. However, it should be noted that these individuals have not necessarily been named by the complainant or complainants as specified in the original request.

- 1) The total number of investigations carried out between 2012 and the present date into child sexual abuse in which there was more than one suspect named by the complainant or complainants

Please note we only hold records from 2015.

Year	Investigations
2015	0
2016	0
2017	2
2018	22
2019	21
2020	26
2021	28
2022	11
Total	110

- 2) The calendar year each investigation was started

As stated in the table above (all investigations started in the same calendar year in which they were reported).

- 3) The total number of suspects named in each investigation

Investigation Number	Suspects per investigation per year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
1	2						2
2	2						2
3		2					2
4		3					3
5		2					2
6		2					2
7		2					2
8		2					2
9		2					2
10		2					2
11		3					3

12		2					2
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14		3					3
15		2					2
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21		2					2
22		2					2
23		2					2
24		2					2
25			2				2
26			2				2
27			2				2
28			7				7
29			2				2
30			2				2
31			3				3
32			2				2
33			2				2
34			2				2
35			2				2
36			2				2
37			3				3
38			2				2
39			2				2
40			2				2
41			5				5
42			2				2
43			2				2
44			3				3
45			2				2
46				2			2
47				2			2
48				2			2
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77					4		4
78					2		2
79					3		3
80					2		2
81					2		2
82					5		5
83					2		2
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102					3		3
103						3	3
104						2	2
105						2	2
106						3	3
107						2	2
108						2	2
109						3	3

110						3	3
Total	4	48	53	55	66	26	252

4) The total number of suspects arrested as a result of each investigation

Investigation Number	Arrests per investigation per year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
1	1						1
2							
3		2					2
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5		2					2
6		2					2
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8		1					1
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Total	1	18	10	18	12	3	62

5) The total number of suspects charged as a result of each investigation

Investigation Number	Charges per investigation per year						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
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Total		11	3	4			18

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,

Kerry Merritt
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