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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2022/455

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25th May 2022 concerning honour-based abuse offences.

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 after having consulted the Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

In December 2021, the Honour-based abuse (HBA) Annual Data Return (ADR) reported 11 HBA offences were recorded in your jurisdiction during 2020-21 - see link below table 4.

https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachment_data%2Ffile%2F1038949%2Fstatistic-on-so-called-honour-based-abuse-offences-england-and-wales-2020-to-2021-data-tables.ods&data=05%7C01%7Cdisclosure%40wiltshire.police.uk%7C708388cd74574a28ffa08da3e614973%7C4e5729cf852d4510921251157ca27e3e%7C0%7C0%7C637890884915355152%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoImMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LHNGrYjoNw2atMZpPolHD1J26u4s2TWPVIGFmwsSv0A%3D&reserved=0

1. Please can you share how many victims of those HBA offences were identified within your jurisdiction during 2020-21?
2. Please can you share the breakdown of gender and age of those victims?



Our response:

1. 11
2. To provide you with the gender and specific ages of the victim's is exempt by virtue of S40(2) – Personal Information. Victims of these types of crimes are extremely vulnerable and the figures are very low, therefore, to provide you with this information, this would increase their risk of being identified and would as a result be classed as providing personal information relating to other individuals; and thus, is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2) – Personal Data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to articulate the harm or conduct a Public Interest test.

However, as a gesture of goodwill, I have provided the age group the victim's ages fall within in the table below. The victim's ages have been provided in this way in order to mitigate any risk of identification –

Victim Age Group	Count
Under 18	1
18-25	4
26-30	2
31-35	2
36-40	1
41-45	1
Total:	11

This data has been obtained from Annual Data Return 708 for fiscal year 2020/21 as referenced by the requestor. Additional detail has also been obtained from Qlik Sense. Please note, that this data relates to crimes only and is from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 inclusive.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 40(2) – Personal information

In accordance with Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a partial Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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,

Kay Moore
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 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
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