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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 13th June 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 485

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 8th June 2022 concerning Sexual Orientation Hate Crimes.

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) :

Please can you provide the following information in excel or csv format and for the calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

- The total number of hate crimes in the sexual orientation strand, defined as crimes “motivated by a hostility to another person's sexual orientation (or perceived sexual orientation)”

Year	Crimes
2016	64
2017	54
2018	93
2019	75
2020	125
2021	172



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

- The number of arrests and cautions made for a sexual orientation hate crime

Year	Arrested	Cautions
2016	7	0
2017	8	0
2018	16	4
2019	6	4
2020	20	9
2021	35	16

- The number of perpetrators in each sex, broken down in the following age brackets: 0-18, 19-25, 26-29, 30-39, 40-49, over-50

Year & Age Bracket	Perpetrator Gender			Grand Total
	Female	Male	Unstated	
2016	15	27		42
0-18	5	3		8
19-25	4	4		8
26-29	1	2		3
30-39	1	6		7
40-49	1	2		3
N/A		1		1
Over 50	3	9		12
2017	6	30		36
0-18		7		7
19-25	2	8		10
26-29		2		2
30-39		4		4
40-49	1	7		8
N/A		1		1
Over 50	3	1		4
2018	26	53		79
0-18	11	14		25
19-25	4	7		11
26-29	2	7		9
30-39	2	12		14
40-49	2	6		8
N/A		2		2
Over 50	5	5		10
2019	18	42		60
0-18	2	6		8
19-25		4		4
26-29	2	2		4
30-39	7	13		20

40-49	2	8		10
N/A	1	2		3
Over 50	4	7		11
2020	19	90	1	110
0-18	4	33	1	38
19-25	3	11		14
26-29	1	5		6
30-39	3	11		14
40-49	3	11		14
N/A	1	1		2
Over 50	4	18		22
2021	39	88		127
0-18	7	31		38
19-25	6	5		11
26-29	3	7		10
30-39	8	18		26
40-49	3	10		13
Over 50	12	17		29
Grand Total	123	330	1	454

- The number of victims in each of the following age brackets: 0-18, 19-25, 26-29, 30-39, 40-49, over-50

Year & Age Bracket	Victim Gender			Grand Total
	Female	Male	Unstated	
2016	18	41	2	61
0-18	1	9		10
19-25	7	6		13
26-29	2	6		8
30-39	3	7		10
40-49	3	7		10
N/A		1	2	3
Over 50	2	5		7
2017	15	37	1	53
0-18	1	3		4
19-25	6	15		21
26-29		2		2
30-39	6	6		12
40-49	1	4		5
N/A		4	1	5
Over 50	1	3		4
2018	27	58	2	87
0-18	8	9		17
19-25	2	10		12
26-29	4	9		13

30-39	2	12		14
40-49	3	10		13
N/A	4	2	2	8
Over 50	4	6		10
2019	25	42	1	68
0-18	4	3		7
19-25		9		9
26-29	1	4		5
30-39	7	8		15
40-49	6	6		12
N/A	2	3	1	6
Over 50	5	9		14
2020	35	63	3	101
0-18	8	12		20
19-25	1	2		3
26-29	3	3		6
30-39	6	16		22
40-49	10	14		24
N/A	2	4	3	9
Over 50	5	12		17
2021	48	87	4	139
0-18	6	16		22
19-25	7	8		15
26-29	9	10		19
30-39	10	19		29
40-49	5	12		17
N/A	7	12	4	23
Over 50	4	10		14
Grand Total	168	328	13	509

- The number of type 1 outcomes, defined as charge/summons
- The number of type 14 outcomes, defined as evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action
- The number of type 15 outcomes, defined as evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action.

Year	DetectionStatus	People
2015	Totals	3
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	3
2016	Totals	22
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	22
2017	Totals	12
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	12
2018	Totals	151
	1: Charged	49
	1: Summoned/postal requisition	35

	1A: Alternate offence charged	4
	1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	66
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	13
2019	Totals	96
	1: Charged	15
	1: Summonsed/postal requisition	56
	1A: Alternate offence charged	13
	1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	14
	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	10
2020	Totals	211
	1: Charged	114
	1: Summonsed/postal requisition	78
	1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	23
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	6
	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	10
2021	Totals	141
	1: Charged	35
	1: Summonsed/postal requisition	55
	1A: Alternate offence charged	3
	1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	42
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	18

Please Note

- The Year referred to in the tables above is the year in which the offence was reported.
- Where a gender has been unrecorded or not given, the gender in the above tables is recorded as "Unstated".
- Where the age of either a perpetrator or victim has not been recorded on our system(s), the Reported Age in the above tables is shown as N/A.

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,
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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
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