



Via Email



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Our ref: FOI 2022/519

Reply contact name is:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/06/2022 concerning sexual offences linked to nighttime economy.

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 I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please may I request:

1. Reports of sexual offences linked to the night-time economy over the last 5 years.
 - a. which of these offences involved drugs and/or alcohol
 - b. the proportion of sexual offences overall that were linked to the night-time economy
 - c. the proportion of sexual offences overall that were linked to the night-time economy and involved drugs and/or alcohol
2. Reports of receiving unsolicited pictures of male genitalia or "cyberflashing" over the last 5 years.

Please could all the above (requests 1 & 2) include:

- details of the local police area
- the nature of the offence
- whether the victim was male or female



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Response

Q 1 (a) All figures taken from 20:00 – 06:00

Reports Sexual Offences (includes crimes and non-crime incidents)

Fiscal Year	NICL Qualifiers			Grand Total
	Alcohol	Alcohol, Drugs	Drugs	
2016-2017	75	13	9	97
2017-2018	98	27	17	142
2018-2019	94	20	28	142
2019-2020	97	19	16	132
2020-2021	97	24	24	145
2021-2022	164	26	30	220
2022-2023	25	11	7	43
Grand Total	650	140	131	921

Female victims listed for all nighttime economy reports:

2017-2018 – 9043
2018 – 2019 – 9006
2019 – 2020 – 9152
2020 – 2021 – 8712
2021 – 2022 – 10082

Total 45,995

Male victims listed for all nighttime economy reports:

2017 – 2018 – 8597
2018 – 2019 – 8348
2019 – 2020 – 8121
2020 – 2021 – 6981
2021 – 2022 – 8414

Total 40,461

Q 1 (b) All figures taken from 20:00 – 06:00

All Reports (includes crimes & non crime incidents)

Row Labels	Count of Occ No
2016-2017	23317
2017-2018	29158
2018-2019	29672
2019-2020	29119
2020-2021	27046
2021-2022	30574
2022-2023	7178
Grand Total	176064

Of 23,317 reports between 2016 – 2017: 704 of these reports were sexual offences.
Of 29,158 reports between 2017 – 2018: 1,037 of these reports were sexual offences.
Of 29,672 reports between 2018 – 2019: 1,026 of these reports were sexual offences.
Of 29,119 reports between 2019 – 2020: 849 of these reports were sexual offences.
Of 27,046 reports between 2020 – 2021: 871 of these reports were sexual offences.
Of 30,574 reports between 2021 – 2022: 1,176 of these reports were sexual offences.
Of 7,178 reports this year: 251 of these reports were sexual offences

Q 1 (c) All figures taken from 20:00 – 06:00

Overall figures for reports of sexual offences linked to the nighttime economy with female victims:

2017-2018 – 9043
2018 – 2019 – 9006
2019 – 2020 – 9152
2020 – 2021 – 8712
2021 – 2022 – 10082

Total 45,995

Figures for reports of sexual offences with a female victim which involved drugs and / or alcohol:

2017 – 2018 – 140
2018 – 2019 – 137
2019/-2020 – 129
2020-2021 – 142
2021-2022 – 218

Total 766

Overall figures for reports of sexual offences linked to the nighttime economy with male victims:

2017 – 2018 – 8597
2018 – 2019 – 8348
2019 – 2020 – 8121
2020 – 2021 – 6981
2021 – 2022 – 8414

Total 40,461

Figures for reports of sexual offences with a male victim which involved drugs and / or alcohol:

2017-2018 – 16
2018 – 2019 – 10
2019 – 2020 – 11
2020 – 2021 – 16
2021-2022 – 16

Total 69

Q 2

The type of information you require is not stored in a way which allows for easy retrieval. When recording a crime, Wiltshire Police do not have a specific field in which to indicate that “cyber-flashing” was an element in the report. To ascertain whether “cyber-flashing” was involved, we would need to manually peruse all relevant crime reports within the timeframe given. Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it. Therefore the whole of the request falls under the exemption of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, when refusing to provide such 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.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a 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

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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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>