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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 8th July 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 543

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28th June 2022 concerning Human Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation.

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:

I am undertaking some research on public perceptions of Human Trafficking in the UK using a mixed methods approach. The research will include a survey (quant/qual) and some statistical analysis (quants).

Please could you provide, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following statistics relating to the offence of Human Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation as maintained under Section 3 and 4 (replacing section 62 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015,

- Case level extraction (one row per crime) from the period Jan 2019 – Dec 2021
- Including the following data:
 - Date of the crime
 - Outcome of the crime
 - Perpetrator characteristics, including age group or DOB, gender, ethnicity

Output in either .xlsx or .csv file format would be greatly appreciated

Our response:

Please refer to the attached excel spreadsheet.



Please Note :-

Wiltshire Police record crime according to specific Home Office Crime Recording Categories.

There is no specific Home Office code for the crime of Human Trafficking for the Purposes of Sexual Exploitation.

Each month we undertake data returns based on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and the Home Office crime code we use as part of that submission which relates to Exploitation is as follows :-

HO Code 36/8 - Arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation

I have reviewed all of the occurrences recorded under this HO crime code and removed those which do not appear to be related to the purposes of sexual exploitation.

The results are shown in the attached excel spreadsheet – there have been 17 reported crimes in the time period you have requested.

There is very little information known in respect of the suspects in these crimes – what information that is known has been provide to you on the spreadsheet.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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