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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2022/635

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th August 2022 concerning child abduction.

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 would be very grateful if you could send me the number of offences recorded by the force, as detailed below.

Time period

Please can you send me the number of offences (below) recorded between:

1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

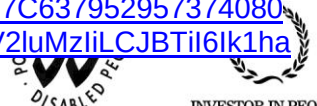
Offences

Please provide the number of offences (crimes, not incidents) recorded for the following:

1. Child abduction by a parent (Home Office classification^ 13/1)
2. Child abduction by other persons (Home Office classification^ 13/2)
3. Kidnapping (Home Office classification^ 36/1) – when the victim was aged under 18 at the time of the offence. Please note: this request is only for data on 36/1 offences; not the other 36 sub-categories (36/2, 36/3, 36/4 etc.).

^Home Office classification number refers to the Counting Rules:

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Our response:

- 1.) Number of offences of HO Classification 013/01 – Child abduction by parent / by other persons – recorded between 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 = **6**
- 2.) Number of offences of HO Classification 013/02 – Abduction of child by other persons – recorded between 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 = **0**
- 3.) Number of Offences of HO classification 036/01 – Kidnapping & Kidnapping / Hijacking / False imprisonment – reported age under 18 and recorded between 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 = **21**

Please note, that 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 09/08/22.

This data contains crimes only and is valid between 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022.

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
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk