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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022/643

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th August 2022 concerning TikTok 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 Intelligence Unit I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

For context in this request, I am trying to find out how many crimes have happened on TikTok/ because of TikTok. I would like to know the statistics going back 5 calendar years, as well as what types of crimes took place.

1) In the 2021 calendar year how many crimes were logged by your force when the social media app TikTok was recorded as being an element in the offence?

Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search of crimes for the word/s 'TikTok' and 'Tik tok'.

2) In the 2021 calendar year how many crimes were logged by your force where the social media app TikTok was the modus operandi for the offence?

Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search of crimes for the word/s 'TikTok' and 'Tik tok'.

3) In reference to both questions 1 and 2, please provide me with the statistics for the calendar years going back to 2017.

Note: If going back 4 calendar years exceeds time or cost constraints, I would like the statistics for 3 calendar years, and so on.

4) Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from question 1 - when the social media app TikTok was recorded as being an element in the offence.



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Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for the names, ages, geography or any other detail to be redacted to allow for the disclosure of the incident and how it relates to TikTok.

5) Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from question 2 - when the social media app TikTok was the modus operandi for the offence.

Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for the names, ages, geography or any other detail to be redacted to allow for the disclosure of the incident and how it relates to TikTok.

Clarification sought from applicant as we cannot make a distinction between crimes with TikTok was recorded as being an element in the offence, or crimes where TikTok was the modus operandi for the offence.

Re your question "the total number of crimes where TikTok is mentioned etc". Those results would be fine.

Re your second question on what your business area can provide. Again, those results would be fine too. If the number of crimes, and the crime sub-group, could be categorised in the appropriate years they happened - that would be perfect.

Our response:

To Clarify, you have specified a split between crimes where Tik Tok is an element in the offence, (Question1), and Crimes where Tik Tok is the modus operandi, (Question2). This is not an obvious distinction to make and any decisions that may be made in choosing which crimes Tik Tok was used as an element in, and which it was the Modus operandi would be purely subjective. There is no obligation to create data to answer this part of the request under the Freedom of Information Act, therefore we have recorded all the crimes together and have answered both questions with one answer as agreed.

Please Note 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 18/08/22. This data refers to Crimes only and excludes any Non-Crime incidents.

As requested, the phrases "Tik Tok & Tik tok" have been used to extract this data. Please be advised that Wildcard searches are not considered reliable in terms of obtaining comprehensive search results. Alternative spellings etc. can distort the figures. The data is not comparable with data from other forces.

Question 1 & 2: There were 12 crimes in total where Tik Tok or Tik tok was specifically mentioned in the crime Summary in 2021.

Remaining questions:

Number of crimes	Reported Year	Month	Crime Subgroup
1	Aug-2019		Stalking and Harassment
1	Jun-2020		Stalking and Harassment
1	Jun-2020		Stalking and Harassment
1	Jul-2020		Stalking and Harassment

1	Aug-2020	Public Offences	Order
1	Oct-2020	All Other Offences	Theft
1	Nov-2020	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Feb-2021	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Apr-2021	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Apr-2021	Stalking and Harassment	
1	May-2021	Violence with Injury	
1	Jun-2021	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Jul-2021	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Jul-2021	Public Offences	Order
1	Sep-2021	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Sep-2021	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Oct-2021	Violence Without Injury	
1	Nov-2021	Public Offences	Order
1	Nov-2021	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Jan-2022	Public Offences	Order
1	Feb-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Feb-2022	Public Offences	Order
1	Feb-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Mar-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Mar-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Apr-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	May-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	May-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	May-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Jun-2022	Violence with Injury	
1	Jun-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Jul-2022	Stalking and Harassment	
1	Aug-2022	Public	Order

		Offences
1	Aug-2022	Stalking and Harassment
1	Aug-2022	Stalking and Harassment

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,

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:

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Water Lane
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