



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
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Date: 26th August 2022

Ref: FOI 2022/659

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th August 2022 concerning revenge pornography.

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 & our response:

REQUEST 1:

Please provide data on how many 'revenge porn' crimes that were recorded in the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 (to July)

Note: by 'revenge porn', we mean sharing or threatening to share private sexual photographs or films without the consent of the person depicted and with intent to cause them distress, which is a criminal offence under section 33 of the 2015 Criminal Justice and Courts Act

Reported Year	Offence Description	Crimes
2019	Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress	47
2020	Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress	57
2021	Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress	54
2022 (to July)	Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress	36

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REQUEST 2:

Please supply data on how many of the 'revenge porn' crimes recorded by the police in the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 (to July) resulted in the following outcomes:

outcome type 1 (charged/summonsed)

outcome type 14 (Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action)

outcome type 15 (Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action)

outcome type 16 (Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action)

Reported Year	Offence Description	1: Charged	1: Summonsed/postal requisition	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
2019	Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress	3	7	2	4	16	7
2020	Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress	2	4	3	2	23	14
2021	Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress	1	1	2	-	26	12
2022 (to July)	Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress	-	-	2	-	7	5

REQUEST 3:

For the period between June 2021 and July 2022, please provide data on how many recorded 'revenge porn' crimes specifically involved threats to share private sexual photographs or films as opposed to incidents in which these photographs or films had already been shared

Note: The 2021 Domestic Abuse Act expanded section 33 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act to include threats to share private sexual photographs or films without consent of the person depicted and with intent to cause them distress

For the time period requested, there have been 13 'revenge porn' crimes that have specifically involved threats to share private sexual photographs or films. Please note, that 2 of these crimes were reported as threats to share but in one incidence, the suspect admitted that they had shared an explicit image or footage to a third-party without the IP's consent, and another it was found that the suspect had sent an explicit image or footage to a third-party. There was also 1 other crime that was initially reported as threats to share, however, then the suspect proceeded to share a private image or film of the IP.

REQUEST 4:

For the period between June 2021 and July 2022, please provide data on how many of the recorded 'revenge porn' crimes specifically included threats to share private photographs or films resulted in outcome types 1, 14, 15 and 16

Outcome 1 – Zero

Outcome 14 – 1

Outcome 15 – 3

Outcome 16 – 5

REQUEST 5:

Please supply data on the sex, ethnicity and age groups of victims of 'revenge porn' crimes between Jan 2019 and July 2022. Please also supply this data specifically for those crimes involving 'threats to share' from June 2021 to July 2022.

Sex of victims between January 2019 – July 2022:

Reported Year	Gender
2019	47
F	40
M	7
2020	57
F	42
M	14
NULL	1
2021	54
F	44
M	10
2022 (to July)	36
F	30
M	6

Ethnicity of victims between January 2019 – July 2022:

Self-Defined Race	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to July)	Grand Total
A1. Asian - Indian	1	1			2

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A9. Any other Asian background	2				2
B1. Black Caribbean			1		1
B2. Black African		1			1
B9. Any other Black background		1			1
M3. White & Asian		1			1
NS. Not stated	4	7	7	5	23
NULL	15	9	12	7	43
O9. Any other ethnic group			1		1
W1. White British	24	36	33	23	116
W9. Any other white background	1	1		1	3
Grand Total	47	57	54	36	194

Age group of victims between January 2019 – July 2022:

Reported Age	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to July)	Grand Total
Under 18	8	3	2	1	14
18 - 29	26	36	35	18	115
30 - 39	8	11	10	14	43
40 - 49	4	5	5	3	17
50 - 59	1	1	1		3
60 - 69			1		1
NULL		1			1
Grand Total	47	57	54	36	194

Sex of victims between June 2021 to July 2022:

Reported Year	Gender
June 2021 – July 2022	13
F	10
M	3

Ethnicity of victims between June 2021 to July 2022:

Race	June 2021 – July 2022
NS. Not stated	3
NULL	2
W1. White British	8
Grand Total	13

Age group of victims between June 2021 to July 2022:

Reported Age	June 2021 – July 2022
18 - 29	5

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30 - 39	6
40 - 49	1
50 - 59	1
Grand Total	13

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.

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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
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