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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 25th August 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 681

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24th August 2022 concerning Revenge Porn.

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 would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. Number of reports of revenge porn made each year since 2015, including the age of the victims.
2. Result of these reports - how many reported offences resulted in the alleged perpetrator being charged, cautioned or handed a community resolution?
3. Number of times Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat and TikTok are named in a report for revenge porn each year since 2015?

Our Response

The answers to your questions are shown in the tables below.

Please make reference to the accompanying notes which clarify the information being supplied to you.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Question 1

	Reported Year							
Victim Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Unknown	8	-	2	1	-	1	-	-
11	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
13	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
14	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
15	1	1	-	-	2	1	1	-
16	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-
17	1	3	3	2	3	-	1	1
18	3	4	-	2	2	5	5	1
19	-	4	1	2	5	5	5	3
20	-	2	3	2	3	5	3	1
21	-	2	3	-	3	2	4	1
22	-	4	5	4	4	6	5	1
23	-	3	1	6	3	5	3	5
24	1	3	2	3	-	3	-	1
25	-	1	1	2	3	3	2	1
26	-	-	2	-	2	3	2	1
27	-	1	2	2	1	3	3	2
28	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
29	1	1	-	1	1	3	2	-
30	-	2	1	-	-	1	3	-
31	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1
32	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1
33	1	1	-	-	2	3	-	1
34	-	1	1	-	2	1	2	4
35	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	3
36	-	1	1	1	-	1	4	-
37	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	2
38	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	-
39	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1
40	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
41	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
42	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
43	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
44	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1
46	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1
47	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
48	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-
49	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
50	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
51	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
52	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
53	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
55	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
56	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
61	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

Question 2

Detection Status	Disposal Year							
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1: Charged	-	-	-	19	15	22	6	-
1: Summoned/postal requisition	-	-	-	12	49	55	32	-
1: Charged/summoned	33	10	30	17	-	-	-	-
2: Youth caution	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-
3: Adult caution	-	-	-	6	8	-	6	9
3: Caution-adults	-	50	11	14	-	-	-	-
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
8: Community resolution	-	8	-	-	-	9	-	-

Question 3

Reported Year	Key word(s) used						Grand Total
	Facebook	Facebook Instagram	Facebook Snapchat	Instagram	Instagram Snapchat	Snapchat	
2015	3			1			4
2016	14	1					15
2017	7			2		1	10
2018	9			1		4	14
2019	4			1		2	7
2020	9			4		1	14
2021	7		1	3	1	2	14
2022	2					3	5
Grand Total	55	1	1	12	1	13	83

Please Note :

- Wiltshire Police record crimes based on designated Home Office Crime Recording Classifications. Offences of Revenge Porn are recorded under the following HO Crime Code :-

8/71 Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress

- The volumes provided for Q1 are the reports Wiltshire Police have received for the time period you require (ie crimes plus incidents).
- For Q2, you have asked for details of Disposals – please note we do not publish results based on reporting year, only on Disposal Year.
- For Q3, there are a number of crime reports where the keywords you have requested have featured together – I have reflected this in the results table provided.
- You have specifically requested wildcard / free-text searches for particular keywords that have been named in revenge porn crime reports. Please note, unless an applicant specifically requests the use of wildcard / free-text searches we would not normally publish

results in the public domain from searches using this method for a number of reasons such as the following :-

- Searches can only be undertaken on the abbreviated 200-odd character description of an offence (not the whole crime log)
- If any of the keywords are featured in the longer crime log but not the abbreviated description of an offence, they will not be returned in any searches
- If any of the keywords have been spelt incorrectly in the abbreviated crime description (eg Snpcht) then they will again, not be returned in any searches

For the reasons listed above, it needs to be understood that any searches undertaken using wildcard / free-text searches are invariably understated and not a true picture. It also needs to be understood that if we were to physically access and read each an every full crime to obtain this information, it is inevitable (given the volume of crimes involved) that any response would be exempt under Section 12 of The Act as the costs of doing this would far exceed the obligations of this Authority to comply.

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



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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 Fol 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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