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XXXXXX – by email

Date: 26th September 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 753

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25th September 2022 concerning Female Suspects of Sexual Offences.

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 discussed with our Business Performance Team - I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested in full.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

Can you please provide the following information as I am trying build a national picture of incidence and service provision.

Are you able to advise how many female suspects of sexual offences were detained in your custody suites over the years 2016 – 2021.

For the time period you require :-

Wiltshire Police recorded 9,536 Sexual Offences.

Of these offences, 454 had a Female Suspect.

Of these Female Suspects, 49 were arrested and attended our Custody Units.

Of those women that were detained how many underwent a forensic medical examination.

No Information Held – see note below.



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Of those that did not was this because it was inappropriate, there was no consent, lack of suitably trained medical examiners, medical examiner of the wrong gender or for some other reason.

No Information Held – see note below.

Please Note

Whilst our Crime / Incident and Custody systems are very sophisticated, we do not hold (in an easily searchable format), details of whether someone detained in Custody underwent a Medical Examination (let alone a Forensic one) nor the reason why any medical examination either was or wasn't required.

The only way to ascertain this information would be to physically locate and read each individual crime log (plus associated supplementary documents) and discuss each particular incident with either the Custody Officer that handled the individual or the OIC (Officer in the Case) and create a schedule of the information that met your specific criteria.

It needs to be understood that under the FOIA, there is no obligation on an Authority to physically create information where none exists today, simply to answer and FOI request.

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:

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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
Fax: 01625 524 510
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