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Date 24th October 2022

Our ref **FOI 2022/784**

Dear ***,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th October 2022 concerning Modern Slavery.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence Unit at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- How many allegations of modern slavery have been made to your force since 2014?
- How many crime reports with the category of modern slavery have been made since 2014?
- How many charges have been brought related to modern slavery since 2014?
- How many convictions have been made related to modern slavery since 2014?

Please break this down by year.

Response

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 12/10/2022.

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HO Codes to obtain the data for all questions: 036/06 = Hold person in slavery or servitude, 036/07 = Require person to perform forced or compulsory labour & 036/08 = Arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation

Detection Status used for charging data = 1 - Charged, 1 - Summoned /Postal Requisition & 1 - Charged / Summoned.

Please note Wiltshire Police do not hold conviction data.

Number of allegations of Modern Slavery received since 2014.

Allegation figures have been obtained by including both crimes and non-crime incident.

2014	No Data recorded
2015	8
2016	6
2017	33
2018	46
2019	85
2020	94
2021	69
2022	41

Number of Modern Slavery Crimes Reported.

Crime figures have been obtained by selection of recorded crimes only since 2014

2014	No Data Recorded
2015	7
2016	4
2017	30
2018	40
2019	73
2020	81
2021	63
2022	36

Modern Slavery Offences where a charge has resulted.

This data has been based on the year a charge has been brought in relation to Modern Slavery crime regardless of when the crime was first reported. No other offence types have been included.

2017	4
2018	No Data Recorded
2019	1
2020	6
2021	4
2022	1

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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.

Force Disclosure Unit

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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 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

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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

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>