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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 25th October 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 827

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17th October 2022 concerning Community Resolutions given for 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 consulted our Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

For each year since April 2013 please provide:

1. The number of community resolutions administered to dispose of allegations of sexual offences.

Please note that I am aware that the number of community resolutions administered per year only started being recorded following the amendments to the crime outcomes framework in April 2013, so the first published figures will be in March 2014.

2. If the data is held, please provide a breakdown of the figures given in response to question 1 by categories of sexual offences. For example, whether those allegations related:

- a. Rape
- a. Assault by penetration
- b. Sexual assault
- c. Sexual activity with a child
- d. Child sexual abuse (such as the offences under ss.10-15A and 17-19 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003)
- e. Sexual exploitation of a child
- f. Exposure
- g. Voyeurism
- Etc.



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I also write to request the following document:

3. A copy of your Community Resolution Policy.

Our response:

Questions 1 and 2

The table below provides you with a breakdown (by Disposal Year and Offence Category) where Community Resolutions were issued by Wiltshire Police for Sexual Offences :-

Disposal Year	Offence Description	Crimes where Community Resolutions were given
2013	Totals	6
	Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity (S10/13, SOA 2003)	1
	Sexual assault of a female 13 or over by penetration (S2, SOA 2003)	1
	Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over (S3, SOA 2003)	4
2014	Totals	4
	Exposure (S66, SOA 2003)	2
	Sexual activity with a child under 16 (S9/13, SOA 2003)	2
2015	Totals	1
	Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity (S10/13, SOA 2003)	1
2016	Totals	1
	Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity (S10/13, SOA 2003)	1
2018	Totals	1
	Sexual assault of a female child under 13 (S3, SOA 2003)	1
2019	Totals	1
	Engage in sexual communication with a child	1
2022	Totals	1
	Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	1

Question 3

Ordinarily this part of your request would be exempt under Section 21 of The Act – Information accessible to the applicant by other means.

All of our Policy Documents are normally stored on our Website at the following link :-

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/police-forces/wiltshire-police/areas/about-us/about-us/policies-and-procedures/>

This current policy has – however – not yet been loaded to our website as it is out of date and due a rewrite. The policy is still current however and a pdf version of this has been supplied to you as an attachment.

(Attachment – Community Resolution & Restorative Justice Procedure.pdf)

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:

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
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk