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Date 7th December 2022

Our ref **FOI 2022/916**

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th November concerning threat to life warning notices.

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 Intelligence Unit at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

For each calendar year 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 and for the period 1st January 2022 to 15th November 2022, please tell me:

- 1) The total number of threat to life warning notices, also known as Osman warnings, issued by your force
- 2) How many of the threat to life warning notices issued by your force to people aged under 18?
- 3) How many of the threat to life warning notices were issued to men and how many were issued to women?

If you are unable to break down the figures to show the number of threat to life warning notices issued to under 18s, or how many were issued to men and how many were issued to women, please answer question 1 only.

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4) The number of threat to life disruption notices issued by your force (i.e. notices issued to potential perpetrators where there is credible intelligence they are planning to harm another person).

Response:

2018: 1 notice - 1 male. No disruptions.

2019: 4 notices - 4 Male. No disruptions.

2020: 13 notices - 5 Juvenile - 12 male, 1 Female. No disruptions.

2021: 5 notices - 5 Male. No disruptions.

2022: The information that you are requesting for this part of your request is exempt by virtue of the following exemption under the Freedom of Information Act:

Section 40 (2) Personal Information.

Section 40 is a class based absolute exemption, for that reason there is no requirement to articulate the harm in disclosure or a requirement for the public interest test.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemptions applied:

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

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.

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

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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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/>