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Date 9th December 2022

Our ref **FOI 2022/949**

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29th November concerning antisocial behaviour incident numbers and outcomes.

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 not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

1. How many incidences of antisocial behaviour were recorded by your force in every year between 2010 and 2022.
2. How many of the above incidences of antisocial behaviour recorded by your force resulted in:
 - a) ASB civil injunctions
 - b) Community protection notices
 - c) Public space protection orders
 - d) Dispersal powers
 - e) closure powers

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F) criminal behaviour orders

g) no further action

3. In how many instances did your force apply, or encourage the prosecution to apply, for a Criminal Behaviour Order?

Response:

The information that you are requesting namely questions A through to F and question 3 are not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. The information that you have requested within questions A to F is ancillary orders the only place this information would be recorded is within the body of a crime report. The ascertaining of this information would only be possible by physically reading single crime report during the period you are requesting to determine if they had been applied. This would be the same case for question 3.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below:

Please note Most ASB never goes from STORM (Phone call) to our Niche crime recording system and therefore doesn't have an outcome. This is because very often there is no suspect around at the point of Police arriving. Therefore, All STORM (Phone calls) has the outcome of No Further Action (NFA).

Storm logs

2011 is the earliest we have STORM data.

Year	Storm log
2011	19294
2012	20726
2013	18496
2014	16731
2015	15311
2016	12346
2017	12786
2018	12362
2019	12648
2020	12973
2021	10975
2022	8865

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All Niche crime records

Reported Year	Detection Status	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	15: Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	A2 summonsed	B1 simple caution	Cancelled/transferred	Crime related incident	Local resolution	N100/3 incident - offence committed in and transferred to other	New	NULL	NZ other incident non crime	Other incident non crime	Pending crime classification	Total NFA
2010		-	-	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	20	-	2	-	5642	-	-	5670
2011		-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	34	-	-	-	8795	-	-	8837
2012		-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	100	-	-	-	7953	-	-	8057
2013		-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	7309	-	-	7330
2014		-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7064	-	-	7068
2015		-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5579	-	-	5584
2016		-	3	-	4	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	33	-	4116	-	2	4161
2017		-	-	-	6	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	37	-	4059	-	-	4108
2018		-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	88	-	3862	-	-	3971
2019		1	-	1	17	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	41	-	3644	-	-	3710
2020		-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	3501	-	-	3511

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2021	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	1	6	-	1	2	1	40	1	-	409
												2		49			1
2022	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	1	3	14	24	1	392
				2								1		43	42		1
Total																	700
																	19

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request in respect of questions 3 and A through to F to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such 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.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular 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

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/>