



Via email



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Date: 12/08/2022

Our ref: FOI 2022/646

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/08/2022 concerning incidents of pregnancy loss or miscarriage following an incident of domestic abuse.

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 * at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

Please could you provide the following information:

Per calendar year, between 2017 up to and including 2021, how many incidents of baby loss has your force recorded after an incident of domestic abuse?

I would like to receive the information electronically. If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, or the request is too broad or too vague, I would be grateful if you could contact me, either by email or telephone (07723324240) and provide assistance as how I could refine the request.

UPDATE TO REQUEST

I would like to clarify my request as I realise my wording may not have been clear. The change to my request is in red and bold type below.

My request relates to baby loss – by which I mean **pregnancy loss or miscarriage** – following an incident of domestic abuse. I define domestic abuse related crimes as any incidence of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults, aged 16 years and over, who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality, as per the [ONS definition](#).



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Response

Upon receipt of your request the Business Information team was asked to conduct research. Wiltshire police hold no data relating to miscarriages or pregnancy loss following domestic abuse incidents. This may be held on medical records, a list of organisations to send this FOI to follows:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

<https://wiltshirehealthandcare.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/>

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/contact-us/data-protection/foi-request/>

Please note that these organisations may not hold domestic abuse data which has led to a pregnancy loss or miscarriage as they would have to rely on the information around these incidents being reported to them by people or other agencies involved.

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
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/>