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Date 5th January 2023

Our ref **FOI 2022/985**

Dear ***,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th of December 2022 concerning missing people.

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 Missing Persons Coordinator at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote/Our Response:

1. How many individual people were reported missing to your force between April 1st 2021 – March 31st 2022? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately.

Children = 423

Adults = 731

2. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force between April 1st 2021 – March 31st 2022? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately.

Children = 854

Adults = 874

3. Please provide a breakdown of the number of incidents that were assessed as high risk, medium risk, low risk, and absent (no apparent risk) between April 1st 2021 – March 31st 2022. We are looking for this data for both children and adults.

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We do not use No Apparent Risk.

	High	Medium	Low
Children	35	810	0
Adults	198	576	87

4. How many missing incidents resulted in a fatality between April 1st 2021 – March 31st 2022? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately.

Children = 0

Adults = 9

b) Please could you share the causes of death in those fatal cases. If it is not possible to provide this information within the limitations on Freedom of Information requests, please disregard this questions and answer only those above.

This part of the request would fall under the exemption S38 Health and Safety and as a result, as advised by yourself has not been answered.

5. How many individual people were reported missing to your force between April 1st 2022 – September 30th 2022? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately.

Children = 370

Adults = 467

6. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force between April 1st 2022 – September 30th 2022? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately.

Children = 759

Adults = 533

7. Please provide a breakdown of the number of incidents that were assessed as high risk, medium risk, low risk, and absent (no apparent risk) between April 1st 2022 – September 30th 2022. We are looking for this data for both children and adults.

We do not use No Apparent Risk

	High	Medium	Low
Children	21	730	1
Adults	95	381	44

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8. How many missing incidents resulted in a fatality between April 1st 2022 – September 30th 2022? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately.

Children = 0

Adults = 4

b) Please could you share the causes of death in those fatal cases. If it is not possible to provide this information within the limitations on Freedom of Information requests, please disregard this questions and answer only those above.

This part of the request would fall under the exemption S38 Health and Safety and as a result, as advised by yourself has not been answered.

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 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

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Tel: 01625 545 700
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Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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