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Date 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Our ref**    **FOI 2023/112**

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19<sup>th</sup> January concerning Modern Slavery-HO code 106 Sex trafficking and 106 Child Sex trafficking.

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 able to respond as follows.

**You wrote:**

Please would you send me for the following calendar years

For, 2023 to date

The total number of offences recorded under the HO code 106 were the object was trafficking for sex

Please segregate the data into two categories 18 and older and under 18

For, 2022

The total number of offences recorded under the HO code 106 were the object was trafficking for sex

Please segregate the data into two categories 18 and older and under 18

For, 2021

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The total number of offences recorded under the HO code 106 were the object was trafficking for sex

Please segregate the data into two categories 18 and older and under 18

For, 2020

The total number of offences recorded under the HO code 106 were the object was trafficking for sex

Please segregate the data into two categories 18 and older and under 18

For, 2019

The total number of offences recorded under the HO code 106 were the object was trafficking for sex

Please segregate the data into two categories 18 and older and under 18

### **Our response:**

The data provided below relates to crime code 106 and the person role is victim.

| Reported Year | Over 18 | Under 18 |
|---------------|---------|----------|
| 2019          | 29      | 44       |
| 2020          | 34      | 47       |
| 2021          | 38      | 29       |
| 2022          | 27      | 29       |

With regards to the 2023 data which has been requested, this information is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. To confirm, disclosing this information would breach the Data Protection Act 2018, specifically Principle One (Fairness).

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

In addition to this, Wiltshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that any other information is held relevant to your request as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 23(5) – Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters  
Section 1(1)(a) of the Act requires a public authority to confirm whether it holds the information that has been requested. Section 23(5) provides an exemption from this duty.

Section 23(5) is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.

Section 23(5) of the FOIA states that:

*“the duty confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1) (a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3).”*

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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 23(5) – Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters

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.

### **Force Disclosure Unit**

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN

## **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](mailto: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**

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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](mailto: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/>**