



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
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Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 24th February 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/243

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22nd February 2023 concerning sexual offences recorded taking place on NHS premises.

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.

Your request for information has now been considered and after having consulted the Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with answers to the following questions about recorded sexual crimes/incidents allegedly committed on NHS premises (e.g. hospitals, GP surgeries, healthcare clinics, etc) in the past six years.

N.B. I am only requesting data about the following alleged crimes: child sex offences; sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder; and gang rape.

I believe these incidents will be recorded on your system under the following crime codes. However, please do not exclude relevant offences where the codes are not listed.

19D Rape of a female child under 16

19E Rape of a female child under 13

19G Rape of a male child under 16

20B Sexual assault on a female child under 13

19G Rape of a male child under 16

19H Rape of a male child under 13

17B Sexual assault on a male child under 13

21 Sexual activity involving a child under 13

22B Sexual activity involving child under 16

22B Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity

71 Abuse of children through Sexual Exploitation

71/17 Engage in sexual communication with a child.

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88/1 Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc (Offender is aged 18 or over and victim is under 16). Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 15.

88/2 Meeting a male child following sexual grooming etc. (Offender is 18 or over and victim is under 16). Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 15.

70 Sexual activity etc with a person with a mental disorder

70 Care worker engage in sexual activity with mentally disordered male

19J Rape of a Female – Multiple Undefined Offenders

19K Rape of a Male - Multiple Undefined Offenders

Questions:

1. How many incidents of (each of the above) child sex offences were recorded on NHS premises in the following years? Please provide a breakdown by offence type/category.

2022

2021

2020

2019

2018

2017

2. How many incidents of gang rape (multiple undefined offenders) were recorded on NHS premises in the following years? Please provide a breakdown by offence type/category.

2022

2021

2020

2019

2018

2017

3. How many incidents of sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder were recorded on NHS premises in the following years?

2022

2021

2020

2019

2018

2017

4. If possible, please also provide the following information about the above recorded crimes/incidents:

Investigation outcome, e.g. arrest; charged; convicted; named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill; victim declines to support investigation (named suspect); investigation complete no suspect identified; victim unable to support action to identify offender; police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties; formal action not in the public interest; investigation complete no suspect identified.

Victim type, e.g. patient; staff – preferably specified by profession: doctor, nurse, etc; member of the public; visitor; unknown.

Suspect type, e.g. patient; staff – preferably specified by profession: doctor, nurse, etc; member of the public; visitor; unknown.

NHS location, e.g. hospital, mental health unit, GP surgery, etc.

(The applicant then provided us with a list of Wiltshire hospitals and clinics to search for the above information on).

Our response:

Reported Year	Offence Description	Detection Status	NHS Location	Occurrence Type	Crime Sub-Group	Victim	Suspect
2020	Sexual activity etc with a person with a mental disorder (Class 70)	13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	HOSPITAL	Crime	Other Sexual Offences	Patient	Member of the public

Please note, the results above have been provided in response to the NHS locations provided by yourself. The list of addresses you provided contained a mix of addresses that were located within the Wiltshire force area as well as other force areas, therefore, the data provided above only reflects the addresses of those listed in Wiltshire.

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.

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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:

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Water Lane
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Cheshire
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