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Our ref 2023/196

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/02/2023 concerning hate crime.

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 Performance Team at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote and our response:

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request to find out about how many LGBTQ+ hate crimes Wiltshire Police has dealt with in the past 5 years - so 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (up to the most recent stats available in 2023).

I would like to know:

- How many LGBTQ+ hate crimes have been reported in the force's area since 2018?

2018	112
2019	111
2020	79
2021	173
2022	174
Jan 2023	18

- What types of crimes have been committed?

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Offence Description
Assault a constable in the execution of his / her duty
Assault constable - ABH
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)
Assault or assault by beating of a constable (Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 Sec 1)
Burglary business and community
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (S4A POA)
Common assault (S39) and assault without injury (Class 105A)
Common Assault and Battery
Criminal damage to a building - business and community (under £5000)
Criminal damage to a residence (under £5000)
Criminal damage to other property (under £5000)
Criminal damage to vehicle (under £5000)
Exposure
False imprisonment
Fear or provocation of violence (S4 POA)
Harassment
Harassment - putting people in fear of violence
Harassment (S2 Harassment Act 1997)
Harassment etc. of a person in his home
Harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 5 POA)
Having an article with a blade or point in a public place
Malicious Wounding:- Wounding or Inflicting grievous bodily harm (without intent Section 20)
Other criminal damage to a residence (under £5000)
Other criminal damage to a vehicle (under £5000)
Racially or religiously aggravated assault or assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)
Racially or religiously aggravated common assault or beating
Racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking without violence
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 5 POA)
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4a POA)
Racially/religiously aggravated criminal damage
Rape of a Male aged 16 or over (Sec 1 - SOA 2003)
Robbery - personal
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety
Sexual activity involving a child under 13 by an offender under 18 years of age
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over
Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children
Threats to kill

- How many prosecutions have there been in this timeframe?

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Reported.Year	* Crimes
2018	24
2019	19
2020	30
2021	31
2022	12

*charged / summonsed

Wiltshire Police does not hold prosecution data

Please note that more than 1 Hate Crime NiCL Qualifier can be applied to each crime - This may result in duplication

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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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/>