



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 21st March 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/319

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th March 2023 concerning sexual offences.

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:

1. How many reports of sexual assault were made between:

January 2022 - January 2023

January 2021 - January 2022

January 2020 - January 2021

January 2019 - January 2020

Offence Description	2019	2020	2021	2022
Sexual Assault	667	589	762	882

[This includes crimes & non-crime incidents.](#)

2. Of these reports how many were closed without an outcome between:

January 2022 - January 2023

January 2021 - January 2022

January 2020 - January 2021

January 2019 - January 2020

[Please see the Detection Status table below for more information.](#)

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3. How many cases of sexual assault were closed within a week of them being reported between:

January 2022 - January 2023
 January 2021 - January 2022
 January 2020 - January 2021
 January 2019 - January 2020

Sexual assault cases closed within 7 days:

Disposal Year	Week	Grand Total
2019	80	662
2020	77	678
2021	95	646
2022	93	832
Grand Total	345	2818

4. How many cases of sexual assault were closed within a month of them being reported between:

January 2022 - January 2023
 January 2021 - January 2022
 January 2020 - January 2021
 January 2019 - January 2020

Sexual assault cases closed within 31 days:

Disposal Year	Month	Grand Total
2019	213	662
2020	164	678
2021	196	646
2022	197	832
Grand Total	770	2818

Please can I have a breakdown of reasons why cases were closed.

Outcomes by Disposal Date:

Detection Status	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1: Charged		1	16	8	21	11
1: Summoned/postal requisition	10	31	22	23	31	6
1A: Alternate offence charged					2	1
1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	3	3	5	6	5	1
2: Youth conditional caution		1	2	1		
3: Adult caution			5	2	1	2
3A: Alternate offence adult caution			1		1	1

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5: Offender has died		1		2		
8: Youth restorative disposal						2
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility			7	7	11	11
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute		3	17	27	21	36
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill			1	1	2	
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender		6	18	27	40	20
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	4	37	30	16	14	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	8	74	223	211	225	162
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1	45	163	128	176	181
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified		8	60	46	58	58
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy		9	25	30	36	33
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest			6	1	2	
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.						3
Cancelled/transferred		9	62	45	72	56
New					2	16

Please can I have a breakdown of the gender of the victim.

Gender	2019	2020	2021	2022
Not stated	2	8	8	5
F	555	494	656	747
M	107	84	94	125

Please can I have a breakdown of the name of the city where the reports of sexual assault happened, i.e Birmingham.

Reported Year	Amesbury CPT	Chippenham CPT	Devizes CPT	RWB CPT	Salisbury CPT
2019	43	75	40	31	75
2020	34	54	56	43	62
2021	43	63	54	25	62
2022	55	92	70	36	90

Reported Year	Swindon CPT	Trowbridge CPT	Out of Force	Warminster CPT
2019	228	67	18	33
2020	191	65	6	44
2021	307	86	8	52

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2022	288	115	6	46
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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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
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