



## Force Disclosure Unit

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 459

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 concerning Sex Offenders.

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 – having consulted our MOSOVO Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

### **You wrote (and Our Response) :**

I would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information act.

For each of the past five years that you have data available, can you specify:

Q1- how many sex offenders were registered with the force and subject to indefinite notification requirements (ie they were on the “sex offenders register”)?

**It is not possible to give a number for the period of a given year.  
Offenders are transient and the number changes regularly with deaths, prison movements, offenders moving out of force area and those who successfully appeal indefinite registration.**

**The current total with indefinite registration, living in the Wiltshire community on 20/04/2023 is 343 (with 143 detained). Others who are living abroad still have records held with Wiltshire and their indefinite management would resume should they return to the UK.**



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Q2- how many individuals applied to have those indefinite notification requirements revoked ( ie to be “removed from the sex offenders register”?)

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|------|----|
| 2018 | 8  |
| 2019 | 17 |
| 2020 | 5  |
| 2021 | 12 |
| 2022 | 8  |

Q3- how many of those individuals were successful in those applications?

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|------|----|
| 2018 | 8  |
| 2019 | 14 |
| 2020 | 4  |
| 2021 | 9  |
| 2022 | 8  |

Q4- what offences had those individuals committed?

**The offence categories that apply to those individuals are as follows :-**

**Indecent Assault (female U14)  
Indecency with a child  
Gross Indecency  
Rape (female U16)  
Making Indecent Images of Children  
Sexual Assault (female U16)  
Sexual Intercourse with female U16  
Rape (female 16 or over)  
Indecent Assault (male U16)  
Sexual Intercourse with female U13  
Gross Indecency (female U16)  
Possessing Indecent Images of Children  
Indecent Assault (female 16 or over)  
Rape (male 16 or over)  
Distributing Indecent Images of Children  
Sexual Assault (female 16 or over)  
Sexual Activity with a child (male U16)  
Trespass with intent to commit a sexual offence (Notification Order from USA  
offence – Burglary of a habitation with intent to commit sexual assault)  
Sexual Activity (female U16) – penetration**

Q5- how many individuals on the register went missing?

**We only hold information on how many were missing at one specific time, not how many began to be considered as 'missing/wanted' in a particular year.**

**The following is how many were missing in total at specific times.**

**The number fluctuates due to factors such as the start of a period of being 'missing/wanted', being found, or the period on the register ending. The following results are the lowest and highest numbers for each year.**

**2018 5-7**

**2019 6-8**

**2020 6-7**

**2021 6-7**

**2022 5-8**

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,

Nick Penny  
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.pnn.police.uk](mailto:disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.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**

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  
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