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Our ref: FOI 2023/552

Reply contact name:

Dear Hayley,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19th May 2023 concerning rapes in hospitals.

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 Team Performance Department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You Wrote:

1. How many reports have been made to Wiltshire police of rapes which are alleged to have taken place at the hospital addresses listed below in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date?

Chippenham Community Hospital, Rowden Hill Chippenham Wiltshire SN15 2AJ.

Warminster Community Hospital The Avenue Warminster Wiltshire BA12 8QS

Savernake Hospital, London Rd, Marlborough SN8 3HL

Fountain Way, Wilton Road Salisbury Wiltshire SP2 7FD

Great Western Hospital Marlborough Road Swindon SN3 6BB

Green Lane Hospital. Green Lane, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 5DS

Salisbury District Hospital Odstock Rd, Salisbury SP2 8BJ

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2. How many of those alleged rapes were reported to have taken place on a hospital ward? Please break the data down by year.
3. How many of the alleged perpetrators were recorded as female? Please break down per year.
4. How many of the allegations resulted in a charge? Please break down per year and the number of those charged who were recorded as male/female.

Response:

Please note that to gather this information our Team Performance Department used 'a wildcard on the post codes given for rape occurrences in the period requested'.

Question One

Four

Question Two

One – 2020

Question Three

Zero

Question Four

Zero

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,

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 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

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Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: 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/>