



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters
London Road
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Wiltshire
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Date: 9th June 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/519

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 8th May 2023 concerning non-crime hate incidents. My apologies for the delayed response.

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 & our response:

1) How many non-crime hate incidents have been recorded by your force in the 2022 calendar year?

NOTE: I understand non-crime hate incidents are recorded through the 'Hate Crime Operational Guidance (HCOG)' issued by the College of Policing. According to the guidance, a non-crime hate incident is an incident which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards one of the following: disability; race; religion; transgender identity and sexual orientation.

During 2022, Wiltshire Police recorded 256 non-crime hate incidents.

2) In relation to the non-crime hate incidents recorded in 2022 please provide a breakdown by the hate motivation? Please provide this using the categories you use for this task, however, I would expect that some or all of the following would be included: Alternative subculture, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender, anti-semitic, asylum seeker/refugee, gypsy/traveller, islamaphobic and migrant worker.

NICL Qualifiers	Non-Crime Incidents
Prejudice - Disability	26
Prejudice - Racial	161
Prejudice - Religion	8

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Prejudice - Sexual orientation	44
Prejudice - Transgender	17
Grand Total	256

We do not currently break crimes or incidents down by any other categories such as gypsy/traveller, anti-semitic etc.

3) In relation to all non-crime hate incidents that were logged by your force in the calendar month of September 2022 could you please provide me with (i) the exact nature of the actions or exact words used, (ii) where it was carried out (either a location such as school, workplace, street etc, or a specific social media platform/internet, and (iii) the age of the perpetrator if known.

NOTE: In Question 3 I am content for any details to be redacted so that the identity of the victim and perpetrator are not disclosed, but I would like as much detail about the circumstances of the incident as possible.

There were 14 non-crime hate incidents recorded in September 2022, the details of which are as follows:

Occurrence Summary	Location	Age of Perpetrator
This appears to be an ongoing neighbour dispute. Suspect has been making comments and accusations towards the RP and her partner.	Home Address	
Unknown male has challenged the RP about using a public car park. He has referred to her as a "fucking retard".	Street	
The IP was relaxing in his living room when the known male suspect tied a chair, trolley and hairdryer to the handle of the living room to prevent the IP from leaving the room. The IP was stuck in the room for between 45 minutes to an hour. The IP believes this could be racially motivated as the suspect knows that the IP is gay.	Home Address	28
Male suspect has been overheard being verbally abusive to unknown victim's, by shouting racial remarks to a group of black males derogatory towards a number of Canadians.	Train Station	36

The IP has recieved messages from his [REDACTED] "hey gayboy, we wont accept you. [REDACTED] and you are dead to us now, dont think about saying sorry to us both. now you both better watch your back."	Social Media	
Suspect has said to unknown IP "get off me you foreigner" when they have tried to help a colleague	Shop	40
Unknown male has made unspecified comments within the hearing of the IP which he believes were mimicking IP's disability	Garden Centre	
Unknown suspects were taking the 'mick' out of the way the IP walks and about the size of the IP's hair. The unknown suspects were making gestures about how big the IP's hair is.	Street	
RP has witnessed an unknown male cycle by the IP's and sprayed them with an unknown liquid. Suspect has shouted at the IP to "go back to your own country". IP is asian in appearance.	Street	
Unknown male suspect racially abusive to member of staff after he complained his food was not hot enough,	Bakery	
This niche relates to an incident where concern for safety was raised following an [REDACTED] year old one calling another another school child 'bisexual' and threatening to rape him whilst telling him that he has condoms.	School	
Two videos have appeared on instragram showing photos if IP with captions and music mocking him for "autism" although he actually has downs syndrome.	Social Media	
Suspect has been racially abusive to a warden where he lives 3/4 months prior. Suspect said to a black warden "YOU WANT TO FUCK OFF BACK TO YOUR OWN COUNTRY".	Home Address	71

A transphobic comment has been posted on a known female suspect's social media page about the IP.	Social Media	31
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I have redacted personal information from the above table as this information is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there are no requirements for any consideration of potential harm, or public interest in its application.

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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Wilmslow
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