



Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 8th June 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/603

I write in connection with your request for information dated 7th June 2023 concerning crimes reported that include the word "Tinder".

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:

Please could you provide me with the number of crimes reported to your force that include the word "Tinder" (referring to the dating app only) AND whereby the victim of the offence is under the age of 18.

Please provide this information broken down into categories - e.g., rape, sexual activity with a minor, blackmail, etc. - and for EACH of the following years:

2019
2020
2021
2022

Our response:

Year / Offence	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	New	Tinder Total
2019						
Harassment (S2 Harassment Act 1997)						
Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)						
2020		1	1			2
Harassment (S2 Harassment Act 1997)			1			1
Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)						
Rape of a Male aged 16 or over (Sec 1 - SOA 2003)						
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over (S3, SOA 2003)		1				1
2021	1	2				3
Harassment (S2 Harassment Act 1997)						
Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	1					1

Sexual assault of a female 13 or over by penetration (S2, SOA 2003)	1					1
Stalking without fear/alarm/distress	1					1
2022				1	1	2
Harassment					1	1
Rape of a Male aged 16 or over (Sec 1 - SOA 2003)						
Sexual assault of a female 13 or over by penetration (S2, SOA 2003)				1		1
Stalking without fear/alarm/distress						
Grand Total	1	4	1	1	1	8

Reminder: As you may be aware, wildcard searches are not necessarily the most reliable way of searching for information. This is because the system searches for particular words within the summary of the incident and no further. Therefore, please do bear in mind that there may have been other incidences involving "Tinder" in some way, that might not have been mentioned in the summary of the occurrence but within the crime report itself, for example. And as a result of this, any other incidences involving "Tinder" would not have been picked up by our systems.

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,

Joanne Rochfort
Force Disclosure Decision Maker
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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
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk