

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 15th June 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 627

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th June 2023 concerning Harassment, Alarm & Distress.

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 Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Being mindful of the need to manually search for crime outcomes which included a sexual nature, alongside difficulties in securing data on reported/unrecorded crime, please provide data according to the following parameters:

Provide the number of cases of 'causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Code 125/09)' broken down by :-

age of victim (adult/child is fine)
the crime outcomes recorded

for the calendar year 2022.

Our response:

The information you require is as follows :-



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Crimes Recorded by Wiltshire Police during 2022 :-

Home Office Code 125/09

2,426 crimes

The ages of the victims were as follows :-

Over 18	2,013
Under 18	340
Unstated	73

Where the age is unstated it has been because it has either not been recorded at the time the offence was recorded, or the victim declined to provide their age for some reason.

The Outcomes recorded for these crimes were as follows :-

DetectionStatus	2022
1: Charged	43
1: Summoned/postal requisition	21
1A: Alternate offence charged	17
1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	14
2: Youth conditional caution	1
3: Adult caution	1
3: Adult conditional caution	3
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	3
8: Community resolution	10
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	1
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	1
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	2
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	7
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	89
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	9
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1020
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	516
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	17
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	599
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	24
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1
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.	5
New	22
TOTAL	2426

Where the outcome is stated as “New” this is because these occurrences remain open and live investigations.

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.

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
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk