



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

Date: 14th July 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/689

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 7th July 2023 concerning homicides flagged as hate crimes.

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 our Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. The number of homicides recorded by the force between the 1st of April 2012 and the 31st March 2022 which were flagged as hate crimes.
2. Of the homicides flagged as hate crimes, the breakdown of these by strand of hate crime i.e.
 - Race
 - Religion
 - Disability
 - Sexual orientation
 - Transgender identity.

(As necessary, please show where more than one hate crime was flagged).

For each homicide, please could you separately provide the following:

1. The date of the homicide.
2. The hate crime flag(s) attached to the homicide.
3. Whether the homicide was charged as murder or a manslaughter.
4. Whether the victim was known to the suspect and relationship type i.e., neighbour, friend, acquaintance, stranger etc.
5. The victim and suspects characteristics:

- Age
- Ethnicity (both police recorded and self-reported)
- Gender
- Disability
- Nationality
- Sexual Orientation.

Where there was more than one suspect, please provide:

5a. The total number of suspects for each case.

5b. A return for item 5 for each suspect.

6. Charging decision (yes/no).

7. Criminal justice outcome (convicted/ acquitted).

Our response:

No information held – there have been no homicides within the time frame requested that have been flagged as hate crimes.

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.



Force Disclosure Unit

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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