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Date: August 14, 2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/774

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 4th August 2023 concerning missing persons.

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 Public Protection Department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You Wrote:

How many missing persons incidents were recorded by the force between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, broken down by the 19 official Census 2021 ethnic group classifications for the persons reported as missing?

Please provide the data on missing persons incidents for 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 and for 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 using the older ethnicity classifications that forces previously used to report to the National Crime Agency UK Missing Persons Unit.

For question 1, for any incidents that you only know the larger ethnic group, eg you know that missing person was Asian or Asian British but don't know whether they were Bangladeshi, Indian, Pakistani etc, please still record them in the total for the group.

Please use the Notes columns for any warnings, caveats or other quality issues you wish to flag.

Response:

Question One

Large Ethnic Group	Ethnic Group	Missing Person Incidents 2022/2023 (Total)
Asian or Asian British	Bangladeshi	3
Asian or Asian British	Chinese	2
Asian or Asian British	Indian	8
Asian or Asian British	Pakistani	0
Asian or Asian British	Any Other Asian Background	14
Asian or Asian British	Total Asian or Asian British	27
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Black African	18
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Black Caribbean	13
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Any Other Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	14
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Total Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	45
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	Mixed White and Asian	4
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	Mixed White and Black African	3
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	Mixed White and Black Caribbean	29
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	Any Other Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Background	102
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	Total Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	138
White	White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	1,318
White	White Irish	7
White	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0
White	Roma	0
White	Any Other White Background	30
White	Total White	1,355
Other Ethnic Group	Arab	0
Other Ethnic Group	Any Other	6
Other Ethnic Group	Total Other Ethnic Group	6
Unknown	Unknown	2,310

Question Two

Ethnicity	Missing Person Incidents 2021/2022 (Total)	Missing Person Incidents 2022/2023 (Total)
White – North European	572	783
White – South European	0	0
Black	21	24
Asian	5	6

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Chinese, Japanese and South-East Asian	1	15
Middle Eastern	0	0
Other / Unknown	977	1,339
Mixed Heritage	41	97
Total	1,617	2,264

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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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>