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Date: August 25, 2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/813

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th August 2023 concerning non-fatal strangulation.

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 Team Performance Department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You Wrote:

Specifically, I would like to know how many offences have been recorded under the new non-fatal strangulation offence (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015 (as amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021), since it was introduced in June 2022.

How many crimes of non-fatal strangulation (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015) have you recorded between 7 June 2022 and 14 August 2023?

Please provide a breakdown of victims and offenders/suspects for non-live by:

Sex/gender (how many female victims, how many male victims, how many unknown and same for offenders/suspects)

Age group for victims and suspects (16-24, 25-39, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+)

Ethnicity of victims and suspects (using usual HO categories or whatever you use to organise ethnicity)

Relationship between victim and suspects (spouse/partner, acquaintance, friend, neighbour, other family member, stranger, relationship not known).

Breakdown of case outcomes: for non-live cases, how many arrests, charges, prosecutions and convictions.

Response:

Question One

327

Question Two

Victims = 284 Female and 43 Male

Under 16	26
16 – 24	58
25 – 39	150
40 – 44	33
46 – 49	22
50 – 54	14
55 – 59	10
60 – 64	4
65 – 69	3
70 – 74	1
75 – 79	2
80 – 84	2
Not Stated	2

B1. Caribbean	1
B2. African	1
B9. Any other Black background	1
M1. White and Black Caribbean	2
M3. White and Asian	1
M9. Any other mixed	1
NS. Not stated	177
O9. Any other	1
W1. British	135
W2. Irish	2
W9. Any other white background	5

Acquaintance	21
Brother (incl. step/half/adopted)	4
Carer	2
Daughter (incl. step/half/adopted)	2
Ex spouse/partner	71
Family – other	1
Father (incl. step/half/adopted)	8
Grandparent (incl. step/half/adopted)	1
Mother (incl. step/half/adopted)	7
Neighbour	1

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Nephew	1
Non	17
Other	5
Other sexual relationship	1
Son (incl. step/half/adopted)	4
Spouse/partner	173
Stranger – seen but not known	4
Victim refuses to identify	1
Not stated	3

Suspects = 31 Female and 295 Male

Under 16	17
16 – 24	41
25 – 39	144
40 – 44	52
45 – 49	25
50 – 54	24
55 – 59	10
60 – 64	6
65 – 69	5
75 – 79	1
80 – 84	1

A1. Indian	3
A3. Bangladeshi	1
A9. Any other Asian background	6
B1. Caribbean	4
B2. African	3
B9. Any other Black background	5
M1. White and Black Caribbean	3
M2. White and Black African	1
M3. White and Asian	2
M9. Any other mixed	7
NS. Not stated	13
NULL	46
O2. Arab	1
W1. British	223
W2. Irish	2
W9. Any other white background	6

Question Three

1: Charged	40
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	3
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	1
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	2
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	3

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15: CPS – named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	11
15: Police – names suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	35
16: Victim declines/withdraws support – named suspect identified	101
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	5
1A: Alternate offence charged	6
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	7
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take further action	2
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	2
9: CPS – prosecution not in public interest	1
New	107

149 arrests and 49 charges in no-live cases.

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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