

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 22nd September 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 919

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th September 2023 concerning Victim Ethnicity.

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 & Policy Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

Please can you supply me with the following information?

for the last available 12 months' data in relation to:

- a. All female victims of domestic abuse
- b. All female victims of sexual offences

If you are unable to provide data for all female victims, please provide the data for:

- a. All victims of domestic abuse
- b. All victims of sexual offences

The information sought is:

1. In what proportion of cases is the victim's ethnicity recorded on the police electronic system?

For female victims of domestic abuse in last 12 months	42.0%
For female victims of sexual offences in last 12 months	32.4%

2. What is the ethnic breakdown of those victims for whom ethnicity is recorded?

Domestic Abuse (last 12 months)		
Self defined Race	Victims	%
A1. Indian	48	0.6%
A2. Pakistani	2	0.0%
A3. Bangladeshi	12	0.2%
A4. Chinese	2	0.0%
A9. Any other Asian background	36	0.5%
B1. Caribbean	18	0.2%
B2. African	16	0.2%
B9. Any other Black background	43	0.6%
M1. White and Black Caribbean	44	0.6%
M2. White and Black African	6	0.1%
M3. White and Asian	18	0.2%
M9. Any other mixed	26	0.3%
NS. Not stated	4375	58.0%
O2. Arab	3	0.0%
O9. Any other	12	0.2%
W1. British	2721	36.1%
W2. Irish	7	0.1%
W9. Any other white background	156	2.1%
Grand Total	7545	100%

Sexual Offences (last 12 months)		
Self defined race	Victims	%
A1. Indian	6	0.4%
A2. Pakistani	2	0.1%
A3. Bangladeshi	3	0.2%
A9. Any other Asian background	4	0.2%
B1. Caribbean	2	0.1%
B2. African	4	0.2%
B9. Any other Black background	2	0.1%
M1. White and Black Caribbean	7	0.4%
M2. White and Black African	2	0.1%
M3. White and Asian	6	0.4%
M9. Any other mixed	4	0.2%
NS. Not stated	1129	67.6%
O9. Any other	4	0.2%
W1. British	475	28.4%
W9. Any other white background	20	1.2%
Grand Total	1670	100%

3. What is the ethnic breakdown of the population in your force area?

No Information Held.

There is no obligation on an Authority to provide context when issuing a No Information Held response, however in this instance – and under our Section 16 obligation to be as helpful as possible to the applicant – I am happy to provide some.

The only demographic data Wiltshire Police holds is in respect of those people that are either victims or suspects of a crime. This is clearly not representative of the County of Wiltshire as a whole.

We would recommend you refer to the data that is available on line for the most recent census for the municipal areas of both Wiltshire and Swindon :-

[Wiltshire population change, Census 2021 – ONS](#)

Or alternatively, contact either Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council directly for this information.

4. Please provide a copy of the last publication of information by your force to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty under the force's specific duties under Regulation 4, Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017.

Wiltshire Police publish copies of a number of their Equality & Diversity documents on their website.

These documents include the following :-

- **Equality & Diversity Annual Report(s)**
- **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy**
- **Equal Opportunities Policy & Procedure**
- **Positive Action Plan**

All of these documents can be accessed and downloaded directly from our general Wiltshire Police website :-

www.wiltshire.police.uk/search?q=equality

Please Note

There is no obligation for anyone coming into contact with Wiltshire Police to provide their personal information. Some individuals decide not to provide details of either their age, date of birth, gender, address or self-defined race to Wiltshire Police when reporting a crime or incident or when involved in an investigation.

In those instances, the Self-Defined race is recorded on our system(s) as “Not Stated” – as demonstrated in the above tables.

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
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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