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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 1st November 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 1046

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27th October 2023 concerning Postal Requisition Letters.

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 Integrated Prosecution & Business Performance Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. On how many occasions in financial years (a) 2021/22 and (b) 2022/23 did your force send out Postal Requisition Letters informing suspects that they had been charged with an indictable or either-way offence and giving them a date and time to appear in court.
2. In financial years (a) 2021/22 and (b) 2022/23, how many suspects received Postal Requisition Letters of the type described above informing them that they had been charged with:
 - (a) murder;
 - (b) manslaughter;
 - (c) adult rape;
 - (d) adult sexual assault;
 - (e) rape of a child under 13;
 - (f) sexual assault of a child under 13;
 - (g) sexual activity with a child;
 - (h) making an indecent image of a child;
 - (i) controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship;
 - (j) Section 2A stalking;
 - (k) Section 4A stalking;
 - (l) Section 2 harassment;
 - (m) Section 4 harassment;



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- (n) assault occasioning actual bodily harm;
- (o) causing grievous bodily harm with intent;
- (p) wounding;
- (q) wounding with intent;
- (r) being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs;
- (s) conspiracy to supply a Class A drug;
- (t) causing death by dangerous driving;
- (u) causing death by careless driving whilst over the prescribed limit;
- (v) robbery;
- (w) conspiracy to commit robbery;
- (x) burglary;
- (y) conspiracy to commit burglary; and
- (z) theft.

If the requested information needs to be narrowed down in order to bring the required work within the compliance cost limits for the FOI Act, can I suggest focusing firstly on Question 1, and then focusing on the data for 2022/23 in relation to Question 2, prioritising the data requested in the order listed from (a) to (z). If all the requested information for Question 2 (2022/23) can be provided within the compliance cost limits, then I would suggest repeating the same process for 2021/22.

Our response:

Question 1

The total number of Postal Requisitions sent out by Wiltshire Police for the last two fiscal years have been as follows :-

Fiscal Year	Crimes
2021-2022	1373
2022-2023	1041

Question 2

Wiltshire Police report crimes in accordance with current Home Office crime reporting codes, not strictly for the crime classifications you ask for above.

The following table clarifies the number of Postal Requisitions issued by Home Office code and Individual Offence Code for the last two fiscal years :-

HO Code and Offence Description	Fiscal Year		Grand Total
	2021-2022	2022-2023	
21	5		5
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity (Sec 8 SOA 2003)	2		2
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by and offender under 18 years of age: male child - penetration	1		1

Engaging in sexual activity in presence of a child under 13 (S 11/13, SOA 2003)	2		2
23		2	2
Sex with an adult relative - consenting to penetration. Offender aged 16 or over, relative aged 18 or over		1	1
Sexual activity with a child family member: female victim aged 13 - 17 - penetration. Offender under 18 years		1	1
39	1	2	3
Theft from the person	1	1	2
Theft from the person of another		1	1
40	2	3	5
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	1	2	3
Theft in dwelling other than auto machine or meter	1	1	2
41	9	3	12
Theft by an employee	1	3	4
Theft by employee	8		8
44	11	9	20
Theft of a pedal cycle	1	8	9
Theft or unlawful taking of pedal cycle	10	1	11
49	21	20	41
Theft if not classified elsewhere	1	18	19
Theft other	19	2	21
Unauthorised taking of conveyance other than motor vehicle or pedal cycle (does not include being found with a conveyance already stolen)	1		1
71	3	1	4
Arrange or facilitate the commission of a child sex offence - (S14, SOA 2003)	2		2
Arrange/facilitate sexual activity in the presence of a child/cause a child to watch a sexual act	1		1
Arranging or facilitating the commission of a child sex offence - sexual assault		1	1
73	1		1
Abuse of position of trust: Sexual activity with a child - male victim aged 13-17	1		1
17A	2	2	4
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over		2	2
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over (Sec 3, SOA 2003)	2		2
17B	1	3	4
Sexual assault on a male child under 13		2	2
Sexual assault on a male child under 13 (Sec 7, SOA 2003)	1	1	2
19C	14	3	17
Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over	1	3	4
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	3		3
Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	10		10
19D	2	2	4
Attempted rape of a female aged under 16		1	1

Rape of a female aged under 16		1	1
Rape of a Female aged under 16 (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	2		2
19E	3	1	4
Rape of a female child under 13 by a male		1	1
Rape of a female child under 13 by a male (S5 SOA 2003)	3		3
19F	2		2
Attempted rape of a Male aged 16 or over (S1 SOA 2003)	1		1
Rape of a male aged 16 or over	1		1
19G	1		1
Rape of a Male aged under 16 (Sec 1, SOA 2003)	1		1
19H	1		1
Rape of a male child under 13 by a male (S5 SOA 2003)	1		1
20A	32	12	44
Assault of a female 13 or over by penetration	1		1
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	1	8	9
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over (S3, SOA 2003)	30	4	34
20B	3		3
Sexual assault of a female child under 13 (S3, SOA 2003)	3		3
22B	7	1	8
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity (S10/13, SOA 2003)	5		5
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	1		1
Sexual activity with a child under 16 (S9/13, SOA 2003)	1		1
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over		1	1
28E	12	6	18
Burglary residential	12	6	18
28G	1		1
Distraction burglary residential	1		1
29A	1		1
Aggravated burglary residential	1		1
30C	12	5	17
Burglary business and community	12	5	17
34A	1		1
Robbery business	1		1
34B	3	3	6
Robbery - personal	3	2	5
Robbery personal		1	1
4/4	3	2	5
Causing death by dangerous driving	1		1
Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	2	2	4
4/6		1	1
Cause death by driving without due care/consideration while over prescribed limit (specified controlled drug)		1	1
4/8		1	1

Causing death or serious injury by careless or inconsiderate driving		1	1
5D	8	4	12
Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18	6		6
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm (Sec 18)	2	4	6
8L	33	13	46
Harassment	1	10	11
Harassment - breach of conditions of injunction against harassment	2		2
Harassment - breach of restraining order	12	1	13
Harassment - putting people in fear of violence	3		3
Harassment (S2 Harassment Act 1997)	15	2	17
8N	61	41	102
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)	2	29	31
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	39	6	45
Drivers injuring person by furious driving	1		1
Malicious wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm (Sec 20)	10	6	16
Malicious Wounding:- Wounding or Inflicting grievous bodily harm (without intent Section 20)	9		9
8P		1	1
Racially or religiously aggravated assault or assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)		1	1
8Q	5	5	10
Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking		4	4
Stalking involving fear of violence	1		1
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	1	1	2
Stalking without fear/alarm/distress	3		3
92A	65	15	80
Possess cannabis with intent to supply	8	1	9
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Cannabis	4	4	8
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Cocaine	2	4	6
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Crack	2		2
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Ketamine	2		2
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	1		1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class B drug		1	1
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	6		6
Possession with intent to Supply Class B drug	5		5
Supply cannabis a class B controlled drug	6		6
Supply Class A drug	14	1	15
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cannabis	2	1	3
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	6	2	8

Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Crack	1		1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	6	1	7
Grand Total	326	161	487

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:

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