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Date: November 24, 2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/1117

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th November 2023 concerning drugs.

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:

Q1. How many incidents of possession of illegal drugs have there been overall in your area per year? Please provide a figure for each year (i.e. 2023 so far, 2022 and 2021).

Q2. Please provide the data as per Q1 for incidents of possession of illegal cannabis specifically. Please provide a figure for each year (i.e. 2023 so far, 2022 and 2021).

Q3: Please provide the data as per Q1 for incidents of possession of illegal synthetic cannabinoids (i.e. spice, K2) specifically. Please provide a figure for each year (i.e. 2023 so far, 2022 and 2021).

Q4. Which road in your area saw the greatest number of incidents of "possession with intent to supply" and/or "supplying" (dealing or sharing) of illegal drugs? If data is unavailable by road, please provide by area or postcode. Please provide a figure for each year (i.e. 2023 so far, 2022 and 2021).

Q5. Please provide the data above for illegal cannabis specifically. If you do not log this by drug name, please provide by Class A, B or C of drug or however else this information is recorded. Please provide a figure for each year (i.e. 2023 so far, 2022 and 2021).

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Response:

Question One

2021 = 1039

2022 = 1012

2023 = 734

Question Two

2021 = 756

2022 = 735

2023 = 505

Question Three

2021 = Zero

2022 = Zero

2023 = One

Question Four

2021 = SN34 RB (3)

2022 = SN12 RA (3)

2022 = BA14 8AQ, SN11 EA, SN14 NJ, SN15 DB, SN27 LP, SN28 DH, SN34 RB, SN36 PB, SN11 9UT, SN12 6EX, SP27 AQ, SP53 NY (2)

Question Five

2021 = No Information Held

2022 = No Information Held

2023 = BA14 8AQ, SP5S NY (2)

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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Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

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