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Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th January 2024 regarding crime statistics in your area.

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 Business Intelligence at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

The statistics would indicate there is a high prevalence of violent crime in my area. Knowledge of the community etc would suggest that this seems erroneous.

I would like to understand if the Great Western Hospital or any other major public facilities are included in my crime statistics area of SN36BJ where my home is situated.

I believe there is a reasonable chance that crime reporting at such a significant public could be much higher than the local average. If my home address (or that of Badbury Park) is included in this area it could drive up the statistics and in turn account for considerably higher than average insurance costs. I would like access to this information to rule this in or out and request changes as appropriate.

Our response:

Crime statistics are recorded based on town, beat code and postcode and unfortunately, we would not be able to comment on how insurer's use crime statistics to calculate insurance premiums.

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As part of our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance where possible, I would suggest that you contact your insurer's directly for this information, as they would be best placed to advise.

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

Force Disclosure Decision Maker