



Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 2nd January 2024

Ref: FOI 2023/1207

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19th December 2023 concerning hate crimes.

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 after having consulted the Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote & our response:

For the period 24th February 2022 to 23th February 2023 and for the period 24th February 2023 to 19th December 2023;

- 1) The number of race hate crimes recorded where the victim's nationality was Ukrainian
1.
- 2) A brief description of each crime listed in your answer to question 1 (i.e. the details written in the MO field of the crime report)
Summary:
IP has been racially assaulted by 2 males, he has been punched and slapped in the head and kicked in the back, causing bruising to his back and a black eye
- 3) The number of reported crimes which mentioned "Ukraine" or "Ukrainian" in the MO field of the crime report
11.
- 4) A brief summary of each reported crime listed in your answer to question 3 (i.e. the details written in the MO field of the crime report)

Due to the level of detail you require, in particular the full details of the summary fields, your request is exempt; as to provide you with these details would provide you with information, which in itself may identify individuals, or do so when put together with other information, which you may be able to obtain. This would then be a disclosure of that person's personal information in breach of the Data Protection Principles and therefore, exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, to assist you as best I can, but maintain the rights and entitlements of those individuals; I am prepared to disclose the following information:

Summaries:

IP states that she is currently raising money for Ukraine. Yesterday she raised £270.00 from a boot sale. Suspect helped IP with the boot sale. Later in the evening IP discovered that the suspect has stolen £60.00 of this money
IP has had her flag pole and two flags removed from her front garden. A pirate flag and a Ukraine flag. The pole was brought back by a [REDACTED] who found it in thier garden, the pirate flag was found in a tree, and the Ukraine flag was not recovered but reported seen by a [REDACTED].
IP has been recieving messages on SnapChat that say "You're Polish go home", "Go back to Ukraine and get bombed", "Gorilla",
Known male has hit his [REDACTED] with a wooden door panel causing a bleeding cut to his hand and damaging his umbrella. This was following an argument about the Russia-Ukraine war.
Suspect has approached the IP speaking Russian, telling IP to leave and go home back to Ukraine .
When IP told him that she understood what he said, and she started recording him, suspect has hit the IP.
[REDACTED]
Known male suspect has been on the RP/IP's land and has been threatening and abusive to them. The suspect has refused to leave several times and has assaulted the IP, resulting in scratches to his hand and cheek. The suspect has also told the IP "you are a bloody foreigner and should go back to the Ukraine to fight the Russians".
Unknown person has spray painted the words "fuck off" on a "Standing with Giants" statue which has been erected in the market square in support of Ukraine.
Unknown suspects have written 'FUCK OFF' on the Ukrainian monument outside the Guildhall in Salisbury. This has caused alarm and distress to the Ukrainian community in Salisbury.
Known male suspect has been sending emails to the IP that have no value and have rude content. The last email was sent was titled "HERE WE GO FUCKWIT!! PUT YOUR MAN TENA PANTS ON" and was referenced to a link regarding a new heading that Putin is attempting to destabilise European countries to divert attention from Ukraine.

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Then, for each calendar year 2020 and 2021, please could you tell me:

- 5) The number of race hate crimes recorded where the victim's nationality was Ukrainian
1.
- 6) A brief description of each crime listed in your answer to question 5 (i.e. the details written in the MO field of the crime report)
Summary:
Known male suspect has got married and currently resides in the Ukraine while still married to his wife (Bigamy)
- 7) The number of reported crimes which mentioned "Ukraine" or "Ukrainian" in the MO field of the crime report
Zero.
- 8) A brief summary of each reported crime listed in your answer to question 7 (i.e. the details written in the MO field of the crime report)
N/A.

Please note, that where you have requested for keyword searches of the terms "Ukraine" or "Ukrainian" within the summary fields (questions 3 & 7), please be aware that keyword/wildcard searches are notoriously unreliable. This is because a keyword/wildcard search only searches for specific words within the summary of the report and no further, therefore, please take into consideration that there may have been other reports of relevance including the terms "Ukraine" or "Ukrainian" which may not have been used within the summary field of the report but within the crime report itself for example, or a witness statement or interview transcript, that would not have been picked up by this particular search.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

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Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there are no requirements for any consideration of potential harm, or public interest in its application.

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

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN

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 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.

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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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