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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 22nd February 2024

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 1221

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

AMENDED RESPONSE LETTER

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29th December 2023 concerning Osman Warnings.

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 the relevant Teams - I am not able to respond to you in full.

You wrote

- 1 Has your force issued 'Threats to Life Warning Notices' (otherwise known as Osman Warnings) in the time period 31 December 2013 up to and including 29 December 2023. Please provide a Yes or No answer.
- 2 If the answer to question 1 is 'yes', please can you confirm how many 'Threats to Life Warning Notices' (otherwise known as Osman Warnings) your force has issued in the time period 31 December 2013 up to and including 29 December 2023.
- 3 If the answer to question 1 is 'yes', please can you confirm the total number of Threat to Life Warning Notices (Osman warnings) issued by your force between 31 December 2013 and 29 December 2023, where the imminent threats to life was posed by individuals linked to the governments of:
 - Rwanda
 - Russia
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Dubai
 - Bahrain



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- Oman

If you do not have the data for Oman and Dubai, please instead provide a response for "United Arab Emirates".

Please note, I do not require identifying details of who the Osman Warnings were issued to, or any data regarding the reason for the warning – simply the number.

Some of the information that you are requesting for Q2 is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.

The number of Osman warnings given out prior to 2020 is not something Wiltshire Police are able to search on due to the fact that if such a warning was given out, this will only be recorded within the occurrence log for that particular incident and not in a specific field on our system(s) on which we can conduct automated searches.

To gather the information you require, we would need to manually search through the occurrence logs for all incidents during the time frame you have requested. This would involve searching through many thousands of incidents (as a guide, Wiltshire Police receive in excess of 40,000 crime reports in any given calendar year).

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Please also note that if one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request for Q2 to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such 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.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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