

**Force Disclosure Unit**

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 1st February 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/074

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th January 2024 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 our Business Intelligence department – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

We seek the following information on racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents towards the following ethnic groups:

- Chinese
- East Asian
- South East Asian
- Asian
- "Oriental"
- Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, and South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Laos, Indonesia, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia and Timor-Leste
- Or any that had such appearance (set out above) (The "Relevant Groups")

And would like data for the following years, broken down by each month:

- 2017
- 2018
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023 (for this year, up until the FOI response date or whatever are the most recent statistics).

Request:

Provide the number of racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents reported where the victim(s) comprise of the Relevant Groups, broken down by each group where possible.

Please provide the data for my request in an Excel spreadsheet format with suggested row headings by year and month, with column headings:

- Month
- Year
- Number of hate crimes
- Number of hate incidents
- Ethnicity/ethnic appearance

Would it be possible to receive this data for all the ethnic categories?

Our response:

Please see the table below for more information.

Reported Month / Year	Occurrence Type	Primary Self-Defined Race	NICL Qualifier
May-2017	Crime	A9. Any other Asian background	Prejudice - Racial
Mar-2017	Crime	M3. White and Asian	Prejudice - Racial
Apr-2017	Niche Incident	A9. Any other Asian background	Prejudice - Racial
Aug-2018	Niche Incident	A4. Chinese	Prejudice - Racial
May-2018	Niche Incident	A4. Chinese	Prejudice - Racial
Jul-2021	Crime	A4. Chinese	Prejudice - Racial
Mar-2021	Niche Incident	A9. Any other Asian background	Prejudice - Racial
Jan-2022	Crime	M3. White and Asian	Prejudice - Racial
Nov-2023	Crime	A4. Chinese	Prejudice - Racial

Please note:

- The hate crime data provided above was obtained by searching on the "Prejudice – Racial" NICL Qualifier.
- A victim is not obliged to disclose their race or ethnicity and occasionally, this information is not provided and/or recorded.
- A NICL Qualifier is attached to a crime/incident and this qualifier may have been attached incorrectly or may not have been attached against occurrences when it should have been.
- The selection used to return ethnicity data is "Self-Defined Race." The categories used to select ethnicity data are as follows: Asian Indian, Asian Pakistani, Asian Bangladeshi, Any other Asian Background, White & Asian and Chinese. We do not hold any other applicable categories from which to make selections.

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