



Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters
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Date: 19th February 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/148

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th February 2024 concerning sexual offences involving food takeaway drivers.

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 I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

- How many people whose profession was to deliver food (ie. Deliveroo drivers, UberEats drivers, and JustEat drivers) have been charged with sexual harassment in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023?
- How many people whose profession was to deliver food (ie. Deliveroo drivers, UberEats drivers, and JustEat drivers) have been charged with sexual abuse in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023?
- How many people whose profession was to deliver food (ie. Deliveroo drivers, UberEats drivers, and JustEat drivers) have been charged with rape in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023?
- How many people whose profession was to deliver food (ie. Deliveroo drivers, UberEats drivers, and JustEat drivers) have been charged with indecent exposure in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023?
- How many people whose profession was to deliver food (ie. Deliveroo drivers, UberEats drivers, and JustEat drivers) have been charged with upskirting in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023?

If you cannot provide me with this information, can you please tell me:

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- How many charges of sexual harassment in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", and "Deliveroo" ?
- How many charges of sexual assault in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", "Deliveroo"?
- How many charges of rape in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", "Deliveroo"?
- How many charges of indecent exposure in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", "Deliveroo"?
- How many charges of upskirting in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", "Deliveroo"?

Our response:

The information that you are requesting for the first part of your request is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. This is because an offender's place of work is not data which is routinely recorded on our systems. Therefore, the only way in which we would be able to ascertain this information accurately, would be to manually peruse through all of the sexual offence related reports requested, to determine if the offender was a takeaway delivery driver and then whether they had been charged in order to gather the information you require.

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 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.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below –

- How many charges of sexual harassment in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", and "Deliveroo" ?

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- How many charges of sexual assault in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", "Deliveroo"?
- How many charges of rape in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", "Deliveroo"?
- How many charges of indecent exposure in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", "Deliveroo"?
- How many charges of upskirting in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 contained the key words: "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat", "Deliveroo"?

There are 0 charges of sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, indecent exposure or upskirting when searching on the key words requested, during reported years 2019 – 2023.

Please be aware, that wildcard or key word searches are not a reliable way of obtaining the information we hold and this is because key word searches only search within the summary of a report for the key words requested, and no further. Therefore, the key words "food delivery", "food delivery driver", "UberEats", "JustEat" and/or "Deliveroo", whilst they may not have been mentioned within the summary of the report – they may have been mentioned within the crime report itself, or a statement or call log etc. However, the key word search would not have picked this data up. Additionally, if the key word is misspelt within the summary, this will not show up in the results of the key word search.

As a result, as per my explanation above, the only way in which we would be able to obtain this information accurately would be to manually peruse through all of the sexual offence related reports requested since 2019, to determine if the offender was a takeaway delivery driver and then whether they had been charged in order to gather the information you require.

Ordinarily under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request 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,

Force 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.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
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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