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Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26th February 2024 regarding homophobic attacks and assaults.

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 (and our response):

How many homophobic attacks or assaults (including sexual and verbal) have been reported in the last six years? Broken down into 12-month period. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024:

Reported Year	Crimes
2018	35
2019	33
2020	54
2021	70
2022	54
2023	58
2024	3

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Please can I know the amount reported per month from January 2023 – present?

Reported Month Year	Crimes
Jan-2023	8
Feb-2023	1
Mar-2023	1
Apr-2023	9
May-2023	4
Jun-2023	7
Jul-2023	5
Aug-2023	6
Sep-2023	4
Oct-2023	9
Nov-2023	1
Dec-2023	3
Jan-2024	3

Please can I know how many of these homophobic attack or assault reports resulted in an arrest and/or charge in the last six years? Broken down in a 12-month period. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024:

Reported Year	Arrested	Charged/Summonsed
2018	3	4
2019	3	3
2020	3	6
2021	10	6
2022	6	1
2023	8	1
2024	1	0

Please can I know the number of arrests and/or charges per month from January 2023 – present?

Reported Year	Month	Arrested	Charged/Summonsed
Jan-2023		1	0
Feb-2023		0	0
Apr-2023		1	0
May-2023		0	0
Jun-2023		1	0
Jul-2023		2	1
Aug-2023		0	0
Sep-2023		1	0
Oct-2023		0	0
Nov-2023		1	0
Dec-2023		1	0
Jan-2024		1	0

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Please note, this data has been obtained using our "sexual orientation" tag. This is not a mandatory tag and therefore may be liable to error. An individual can also be arrested for more than one offence.

Please can I know how many of these arrests/charges from reports of homophobic attacks or assaults resulted in trial and/or conviction in the last six years? Broken down in a 12-month period? 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Please can I know the number of arrests/charges resulted in trial and/or conviction per month from January 2023 – present?

Regarding your final two questions, our response is: No information held. There is no obligation on an Authority to provide any rationale or explanation to an applicant when issuing a No Information Held response, however in this case – and under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible – I am happy to provide some additional context.

Wiltshire Police do not hold any conviction data. However, under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, I would advise that you approach the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in this instance, to see if they are able to assist.

My request concerns hate crime. Not non-crime incidents

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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