

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: March 27, 2024

Our ref: FOI 2024/287

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th March 2024 concerning malicious communications.

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 the Team Performance Department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You Wrote:

2a) How many reports in the last 5 years have you received from the public which are classified as 'malicious communications'

2b) How many reports of malicious communications resulted in no further action?

2c) How many reports of malicious communications resulted in a charge?

2d) Could you provide an ethnicity breakdown of the perpetrators of those who have been charged due to malicious communications in the last 5 years?

2e) Could you provide an ethnicity breakdown of those who received a NFA due to allegations of malicious communications in the last 5 years?

Response:**Question One**

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Wiltshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any information relevant to this Question as the duty in Section One(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of Section 40(5) – Personal Information. This is because confirmation or denial of this information would constitute personal data and as a result, would contravene the first Data Protection Principle, which states in part to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

No inference can be taken from this that any information in relation to this Question does or does not exist.

Question Two

A

7009

B and C

Charged / Summonsed = 327
NFA = 6378

D

Asian Indian inc Asian British = 2
Asian Pakistani inc Asian British = 1
Asian Chinese inc Asian British = 1
Any other Asian background = 1
Black Caribbean inc Black British = 2
Any other Black background = 6
Mixed White and Black Caribbean = 4
Any other mixed = 1
Not stated = 4
Any other = 1
Unknown = 9
White British = 259
White Irish = 3
White Gypsy or Irish Traveller – 1
Any other white background = 3

E

Asian Indian inc Asian British = 18
Asian Pakistani inc Asian British = 7
Asian Bangladeshi inc Asian British = 6
Asian Chinese inc Asian British = 4
Any other Asian background = 25
Black Caribbean inc Black British = 26
Black African inc Black British = 24
Any other Black background = 36
Mixed White and Black Caribbean = 51
Mixed White and Black African = 4
Mixed White and Asian = 3
Any other mixed = 45
Not stated = 443

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Any other = 13
Unknown = 1596
White British = 2590
White Irish = 20
White Gypsy or Irish Traveller – 4
Any other white background = 64

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,

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



Force Disclosure Unit
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,
Keeping Wiltshire Safe

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 Fol 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
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>