

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 18th April 2024

Our Ref FOI 2024-410

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th April 2024, concerning child abuse offences.

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 Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

1. How many reports of child abuse offences have you received from January 1st, 2023, to January 1st, 2024?
2. Please can you also provide the type of offence for each report of child abuse between the set dates?
3. Please can you provide the outcome for each of these child abuse offences that have been reported between the set dates?
4. Please can the information above be presented in an Excel Spreadsheet.

Our response:

There have been 1017 child abuse reports between 1st January 2023 and 1st January 2024.

Offence	Offence
Abduction of child by other persons	2
Abuse of position of trust: Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity - female victim aged 13-17	1
Administering a substance with intent	1
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Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)	211
Assault of a female 13 or over by penetration	6
Assault of a female child under 13 by penetration	2
Assault of a male child under 13 by penetration	2
Attempted rape of a female child under 13 by a male	1
Blackmail	18
Breach a sexual risk order/risk of sexual harm order etc. or fail to comply with requirement under Sec 122c(4) in relation to a sexual risk order	1
Breach of non-molestation order	2
Breach SHPO/interim SHPO/SOPO/interim SOPO/ Foreign Travel Order or fail to comply with requirement Under Sec 103D (4) in relation to a SHPO	3
Causing a child under 13 to watch a sexual act by an offender over 18 years of age	1
Causing a child under 16 to watch a sexual act, offender aged 18 years or over	4
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4a POA)	1
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender under 18 years of age: female child - no penetration	2
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender under 18 years of age: male child - no penetration	2
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by and offender under 18 years of age: female child - penetration	1
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by and offender under 18 years of age: male child - penetration	1
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: female child - no penetration	6
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: male child - no penetration	3
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	10
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	3
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	3
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years	1
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	3
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	2
Common Assault and Battery	282
Controlling a child subject to sexual exploitation: child 13 - 17	1
Cruelty to and neglect of children	131
Disclose or Threat to disclose sexual photographs/films with intent to cause distress	2
Disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	4
Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate family relationship	3
Engage in sexual communication with a child	28
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child under 16, offender aged 18 years or over	1
Exposure	1
False imprisonment	2
Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	2
Harassment	4
Incite another to supply an unspecified controlled drug	1

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Inciting a child family member to engage in sexual activity: female victim under 13 - no penetration. Offender aged 18 years or over	1
Kidnapping	1
Malicious wounding: wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm (Sec 20)	1
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. - offender aged 18 years or over and victim is under 16 years	1
Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation	13
NRM referral - Positive reasonable Grounds/Police referral - Outside England and Wales	1
NRM referral - transferred to another force in England and Wales	1
NRM referral pending reasonable grounds decision	1
Other criminal damage to a residence (under £5000)	1
Other criminal damage, other (under £5000)	4
Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in E&W (whether or not in public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	2
Paying for sexual service of a child: male child under 16	1
Possessing prohibited images of children	2
Possession of an indecent or pseudo-photograph of a child	7
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 5 POA)	1
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4a POA)	1
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	8
Rape of a female aged under 16	20
Rape of a female child under 13 by a male	14
Rape of a male aged 16 or over	2
Rape of a male aged under 16	1
Rape of a male child under 13 by a male	5
Reported Incident of Rape offence committed in another police force area/outside the UK	1
Require person to perform forced or compulsory labour	1
Sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety	8
Sexual activity with a child family member: female victim aged under 13 - no penetration. Offender aged 18 years or over	1
Sexual activity with a child family member: male victim aged under 13 - penetration. Offender aged 18 years or over	1
Sexual activity with a child family member: male victim under 13 - no penetration. Offender under 18 years	1
Sexual activity with a child under 13 by an offender under 18 years of age: female child - no penetration	4
Sexual activity with a child under 13 by an offender under 18 years of age: male child - no penetration	3
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	1
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	1
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	2
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years	5
Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	1

Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	1
Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years	1
Sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder impeding choice: male person	1
Sexual assault of a female child under 13	21
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	32
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over	8
Sexual assault on a male child under 13	10
Stalking involving fear of violence	2
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class C drug	1
Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	57
Theft from shops and stalls	1
Threats to kill	4
Voyeurism	3
Grand Total	1017

Outcome	Offence
1: Charged	16
1: Summoned/postal requisition	6
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	11
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	8
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	10
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	11
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	108
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	180
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	16
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	57
1A: Alternate offence charged	2
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	1
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	340
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	26
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.	4
3: Adult caution	2
3: Adult conditional caution	1
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	2
8: Community resolution	1
8: Youth restorative disposal	1
Cancelled/transferred	83
Crime related incident	1
New	128
Other incident non crime	1
Grand Total	1017

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.

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 to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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