



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

Date: 9TH May 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/485

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3rd May 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 I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am requesting data to do research on the effects of the recent wars in Ukraine and Gaza on racial and religious hate crime. I would like to have a list of hate crimes reported to the police with the following information for each incident: hate crime bias (race, faith, etc.), crime subclassification (violence against the person, arson, harassment, etc.), date (at least month and year, day also is preferred), indicator if police reported race/religion as Jewish, indicator if victim reported race/religion as Jewish, indicator if police reported ethnicity or nationality as Ukrainian, indicator if victim reported ethnicity or nationality as Ukrainian, indicator if police reported ethnicity or nationality as Russian, indicator if victim reported ethnicity or nationality as Russian, indicator if police reported religion is Islam or race is Arab/Middle Eastern, and indicator if victim reported religion is Islam or race is Arab/Middle Eastern. I would like this data for the years 2019-2023.

If a list of hate crimes reported is not possible I would instead ask for a monthly count of racial or religious hate crime against each of the four groups (Ukrainian, Russian, Jewish, Muslim or Arab). Finally, I would like a count of total monthly hate crime broken down by racial, faith, disability, sexual orientation, and Transgender for the same period as above.

As a second project I will look at the relationship between education and hate crime participation. For this I would like a list of arrests for hate crime with the following information: hate crime bias, date of incident (at least year, month and day preferred), birthdate of suspect (at least year, month also preferred), suspect gender, and suspect ethnicity. Of these, the last two are not required and can be omitted if necessary to avoid this request being denied. I would like this data for as many years possible, as early as 2012, with preference for more recent years.



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Our response:

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), dates of birth and other identifiable information is exempt by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 40(2) – Personal data

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to articulate the harm or conduct a Public Interest test. Information which constitutes personal data is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOIA if it relates to a third party, and the disclosure to the public would contravene the data protection principles set out in Section 34 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of the GDPR.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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