



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
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Date: 17th June 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/556

I write in connection with your request for information dated 4th June 2024 concerning stalking and harassment.

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:

How many reports of stalking and harassment have you received from January 1st 2019 to June 1st 2024. Please can you send a break down by calendar year,

Please can you also provide a breakdown of the gender for who is reporting the offence of stalking and harassment from January 1st, 2019, to June 1st 2024. Please can you send a break down by calendar year,

Please can you provide the outcome of each of these reports of stalking and harassment between the above dates.

Our response:

Question 1

Offence Descriptions	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Breach of a restraining order issued on acquittal (Protection from Harassment Act)	3	9	6	5			23
Breach of conditions of injunction against harassment				12	10	7	29
Breach of restraining order (harassment)			2	72	120	44	238
Breach of Stalking Order/Interim Stalking Order		5	3		2	2	12
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (S4A POA)	1585	2011	2235	842			6673
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4a POA)		1	9	1684	2232	892	4818

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Harassment		6	10	1143	1831	838	3828
Harassment - breach of conditions of injunction against harassment	21	9	19	4			53
Harassment - breach of restraining order	133	73	77	27			310
Harassment - putting people in fear of violence	33	62	61	33			189
Harassment (S2 Harassment Act 1997)	1632	1735	1905	632			5904
Harassment etc of a person in his home (SOC and Police Act 2005)	2	2	1	1			6
Harassment etc. of a person in his home				12	32	9	53
Harassment, alarm or distress (S5 POA)	318	365	396	130			1209
Harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 5 POA)	2	3	1	287	121		414
Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking			5	230	296	130	661
Putting people in fear of violence (harassment)			1	40	75	41	157
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking with fear of violence	3	7	3	2	6	2	23
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking without violence	8	29	32	22	21	10	122
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 5 POA)	49	75	69	65	71	26	355
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4a POA)	255	266	246	286	309	100	1462
Stalking involving fear of violence	47	79	55	60	74	51	366
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	66	119	114	189	183	92	763
Stalking without fear/alarm/distress	128	409	384	126			1047
Grand Total	4285	5265	5634	5904	5383	2244	28715

Question 2

Victim Gender	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
F	2430	2889	3174	3311	3174	1387	16365
M	1391	1861	1932	2027	1915	803	9929
U	469	513	528	571	309	69	2459
Grand Total	4290	5263	5634	5909	5398	2259	28753

Question 3

Detection Status of Crimes and Incidents	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
1: Charged	245	228	191	220	230	40	1154
1: Summoned/postal requisition	102	159	136	98	76	5	576
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	7	6	4	4	5	3	29
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	5	8	5	10	6	2	36
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	11	11	22	19	10	10	83

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13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	2				3	1	6
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	42	95	124	132	127	34	554
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	62	81	80	80	53	9	365
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1579	2035	2350	2345	1720	241	10270
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	953	1062	1064	1215	1252	311	5857
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	17	23	37	49	40	1	167
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	522	700	816	884	855	296	4073
1A: Alternate offence charged	45	41	61	53	52	8	260
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	29	48	43	36	28	1	185
2: Youth caution	3				2		5
2: Youth conditional caution	3	2	5	4			14
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	59	87	73	83	91	40	433
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	14	17	17	12	5	4	69
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.				16	5	2	23
2A: Alternate offence youth caution			1				1
3: Adult caution	19	34	33	19	13	1	119
3: Adult conditional caution	1			3	14	1	19
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	5	12	11	6	8	1	43
3A: Alternate offence adult conditional caution	2		2		3	1	8
4: TIC (taken into consideration)		1					1
5: Offender has died	1	1					2
6: Penalty notice for disorder	22	19	12				53
8: Community resolution	21	14	9	25	55	61	185
8: Youth restorative disposal	12	6	5	2	28	36	89
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	3	7	5	4	6		25
Cancelled/transferred	489	563	523	575	535	200	2885
Crime related incident	3				1	1	5
Other incident non crime				2	4	4	10
Grand Total	4285	5265	5634	5904	5383	2244	28715

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

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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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