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Our ref: 2024-1081

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 7th December 2024 regarding child sexual abuse.

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 Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote (and our response):

Between the time period January 2023 and August 2024, data on how many days it takes from the initial reporting of child sexual abuse (including viewing of online CSA and CSE images) to case closure (court outcome or no further action) i.e how long does it take from report to court

We would like to know how long these people are out on the streets before any conviction (custodial, suspended sentence or release without charge)

Ideally broken down for each case but the data as an average for the police force area would be good too

There is not a requirement for a Public Authority to create data to furnish a request for information, where this data is not already held. However, our Team Performance department have kindly provided the average for you. Please do note that an outlier figure can skew average results.

We do not hold court data, so this information is based on the number of days between the reported date and the disposal date.

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The average number of days is 114.

Within the time frame requested, 885 cases have been disposed. Please see individual disposal times below:

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Would also be helpful to know if you have any timescales are set by your force that these cases are supposed to be dealt within

No information held. Due to the nature and variety of the offences reported in these areas, there will be enquires that will need completing that would be out of our control.

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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