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XXXXXX – by email

Date: 20th March 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 298

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th March 2025 concerning Orders.

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 not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

1. The number of domestic violence prevention notices issued in the last five years with yearly breakdown
2. The number of domestic violence protection orders granted in the last five years with yearly breakdown
3. The number of non-molestation orders granted in the last five years with yearly breakdown
4. The number of restraining orders granted in the last five years with yearly breakdown
5. The number of forced marriage protection orders granted in the last five years with yearly breakdown
6. The number of stalking protection orders granted in the last five years with yearly breakdown



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7. The number of breaches of each order in the last five years with yearly breakdown. Including DVPNs, DVPOs, non-molestation orders, restraining orders, SPOs and FMPOs and the result of that breach. Please state the gender of the defendant
8. The number of defendants who have breached an order multiple times and by how many times in the last five years. Please state the gender of the defendant
9. The number of people convicted of murder who were subject to a domestic abuse related order in the last five years. Please state the gender of the defendant

Our response:

The information that you are requesting for part of your request (namely the breach results / reasons for questions 7 and 8) is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.

Whilst our recording systems are fairly sophisticated and contain a number of specific fields in which key data is stored – and can then theoretically be searched upon – we do not have dedicated fields in which we record breach results or reasons.

The ascertaining of this information would only be possible by physically reading every relevant case file where breaches have been reported and making a note of any information which meets your criteria.

Having liaised with our VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) Team, they have confirmed that given the number of these we are absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Please also note that if one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, then ordinarily the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Please note

- It should be noted that under the FOIA there is no obligation on an Authority to create information where none currently exists today (detail around reasons for breaches for instance) simply to answer an FOI request.
- Our VAWG Team have only commenced the recording of certain specific information around orders within the last 3 years, prior to that some information was not actually recorded or is not identifiable.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below :-

Question 1

Year	Number
2020	35
2021	21
2022	99
2023	106
2024	101
2025 to date	25

Question 2

Year	Number
2020	33
2021	21
2022	78
2023	83
2024	80
2025 to date	14

Question 3

Year	Number
2020	not recorded
2021	not recorded
2022	not recorded
2023	219
2024	207
2025 to date	26

Question 4

Year	Number
2020	not recorded
2021	not recorded
2022	not recorded
2023	221
2024	248
2025 to date	56

Question 5

None in the time period requested.

Question 6

Year	Interim	Full
2020	7	4
2021	3	3
2022	0	1
2023	5	5
2024	6	4
2025 to date	3	2

Question 7

2021 Not recorded
2022 Not recorded
2023 Not recorded

2024			
Type	Total	Male	Female
DVPN	4	4	0
DVPO	17	12	5
NMO	120	110	10
RO	94	79	15
SPO	3	3	0
FMPO	0	0	0

2025			
Type	Total	Male	Female
DVPN	0	0	0
DVPO	4	3	1
NMO	25	22	3
RO	10	9	1
SPO	0	0	0
FMPO	0	0	0

Question 8

Since January 2024		
Total	Male	Female
72	65	7
Details	1 x 9 breaches	3 x 4 breaches
	2 x 7 breaches	1 x 3 breaches
	1 x 5 breaches	3 x 2 breaches
	6 x 4 breaches	-
	9 x 3 breaches	-
	46 x 2 breaches	-

Information was not recorded prior to 2024.

Question 9

None were subject to a DA related order since reporting started in 2023.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request in respect of questions 7 and 8 to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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,

Nick Penny
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.pnn.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
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