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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 16th September 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 876

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th September 2025 concerning Sexual 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.

Your request for information has now been considered and – having consulted our Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Thank you for your response to my FOI request, ref 2025/761, which I attach for your reference.

I would like to make a follow up request, please.

According to your response, the following figures represented when no further action was taken following a report of rape, sexual assault with penetration, and sexual assault:

Category	Number
Rape	134
Penetration	721
Sexual Assault	1376
Total	2231

Please can you break these totals down as follows.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

How many rape reports resulted in the following outcomes:

Evidential difficulties - suspect not identified

Evidential difficulties - suspect identified, victim

supports police action

Evidential difficulties - suspect identified; victim does

not support police action

Investigation complete - no suspect identified

Further Investigation is Not in the Public Interest - Police

How many sexual assault with penetration reports resulted in the following outcomes:

Evidential difficulties - suspect not identified

Evidential difficulties - suspect identified, victim

supports police action

Evidential difficulties - suspect identified; victim does

not support police action

Investigation complete - no suspect identified

Further Investigation is Not in the Public Interest - Police

How many sexual assault reports resulted in the following outcomes:

Evidential difficulties - suspect not identified

Evidential difficulties - suspect identified, victim

supports police action

Evidential difficulties - suspect identified; victim does

not support police action

Investigation complete - no suspect identified

Further Investigation is Not in the Public Interest - Police

Our response:

Our Business Performance Team have provided me with the following breakdown of NFA's for the previous information provided to you.

There are additional NFA reasons in the table below that are not listed in your request above.

NFA Reason	Penetration	Rape	Sexual Assault	Total
10: Police - formal action not in public interest			1	1
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	5	5	22	32
12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	2	10	55	67
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill		4	4	8
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	6	90	64	160
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	18	17	36
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	38	144	337	519
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	47	374	377	798
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired			3	3
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	12	66	327	405
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	13	9	133	155
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	8	1	36	45
5: Offender has died	1			1
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	1			1
Total	134	721	1376	2231

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
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