

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 6th November 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 1006

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22nd October 2025 concerning Domestic Abuse and 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 Intelligence, ICT and Crime Standards Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response)

Please provide the following information for the last available 12 months' data in relation to:

- a. All female victims of domestic abuse
- b. All female victims of sexual offences

If you are unable to provide data for all female victims, please provide the data for:

- a. All victims of domestic abuse
- b. All victims of sexual offences

The information sought is:



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

1. In what proportion of cases is the victim's ethnicity recorded on the police electronic system?

For female victims of Domestic Abuse 82.8%

For female victims of Sexual Offences 68.0%

2. What is the ethnic breakdown of those victims for whom ethnicity is recorded?

Please state whether the ethnicity recorded is self-assessed or based on police IC codes.

Female Victims of Domestic Abuse	
Primary Self-Defined Race	No.
A1. Asian Indian inc Asian British	58
A2. Asian Pakistani inc Asian British	13
A3. Asian Bangladeshi inc Asian British	7
A4. Asian Chinese inc Asian British	7
A9. Any other Asian background	24
B1. Black Caribbean inc Black British	16
B2. Black African inc Black British	58
B9. Any other Black background	39
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean	28
M2. Mixed White & Black African	11
M3. Mixed White & Asian	12
M9. Any other mixed	26
NS. Not stated	822
O2. Arab	2
O9. Any other	23
W1. White British	3405
W2. White Irish	18
W3. White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	12
W4. White Roma	1
W9. Any other white background	191
Grand Total	4773

Female Victims of Sexual Offences	
Primary Self-Defined Race	No.
A1. Asian Indian inc Asian British	12
A2. Asian Pakistani inc Asian British	3
A3. Asian Bangladeshi inc Asian British	3
A4. Asian Chinese inc Asian British	1
A9. Any other Asian background	9
B1. Black Caribbean inc Black British	2
B2. Black African inc Black British	11
B9. Any other Black background	7
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean	15
M2. Mixed White & Black African	3
M3. Mixed White & Asian	4
M9. Any other mixed	8
NS. Not stated	608
O9. Any other	5
W1. White British	1169
W2. White Irish	3
W3. White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	1
W9. Any other white background	34
Grand Total	1898

Please additionally provide the following information:

3. Is the recording of a victim's ethnicity a mandatory field on your force's electronic system?

No

4. If so, please can you confirm when this was made a mandatory field.

Not applicable

5. Please can you confirm what steps, if any, you have taken since 1 May 2024 to improve the recording of victims' race and ethnicity data on your systems, including any technology solutions, training or policy/guidance provided to officers.

Process Improvement is an ongoing initiative for Wiltshire Police.

Whilst the recording of Ethnicity data (self-Defined or Officer-Defined) is not mandatory within our principal Force systems, we are always trying to find ways to ensure as much data as possible is recorded at time of collection.

As a Force we adhere to the following key guidance :-

- **the ACPO Guide to Self Defined Ethnicity and Descriptive Monitoring**

- HMICFRS PEEL Data Collection guidance notes for providers
- NPCC / College of Policing guidance concerning the collection and disclosure of Ethnicity data
- We have a standard policy document covering Minimum Data Quality Standards

We also regularly update internal processes and procedures to reflect the need to record data of this nature (such as our recent update to our Supervising Checklist for Stop and Search).

As part of the last PEEL Inspection in 2024, the force is undertaking a series of ongoing system, procedural and training improvements, of which equality data is one strand.

Please Note

- The Ethnicity Information provided is based on Self-Defined Ethnicity rather than
- There is no current specific Home Office Crime Code to identify Domestic Abuse crimes. The information provided in respect of Domestic Abuse has been based on the use of a specific “DA” Flag that can be assigned to a crime if it is identified that there is a DA element involved. In some cases, the DA Flag will have been assigned to Sexual Offences for the same reason (that there has been an element of DA identified). The information provided above could feature crimes reported in both of the above tables.

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:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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