

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXX

Sent via email: XXX



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 18/06/26

Our ref: FOI 2026/474

Reply contact name: XXX

Dear XXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/05/26 concerning where rape allegations linked to dating sites.

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 able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please provide data for the period beginning 1 January 2019 up to 20 May 2026.

I am requesting:

The total number of recorded rape allegations/offences in which any of the following dating applications were referenced within the method of attack, occurrence log, crime report, investigation notes or any searchable field:

Tinder

Hinge

Bumble

Grindr

Feeld

Plenty of Fish / POF

Match.com

Happn

Badoo

eHarmony

Where possible, please provide a yearly breakdown for:

2019

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2020
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025
2026 (as of 20 May)

Please also provide, where available:

The age of the victim (or age bracket if exact age cannot be disclosed)
The age of the suspect
Whether the suspect and complainant were previously unknown to one another
The specific dating application referenced
For clarity, I am referring to rape offences recorded as:

rape of a female aged 16 or over

rape of a male aged 16 or over

Any equivalent rape offence classifications involving victims under 16 where the dating app was referenced
If your systems cannot conduct searches across all requested applications, please conduct keyword searches for the individual app names listed above.

If complying with the full request would exceed the cost limit under Section 12 of the Act, please:

Narrow the search to rape offences only; Conduct searches using the keywords "Tinder", "Hinge", "Grindr" and "Bumble" only; or Provide whatever partial data can reasonably be retrieved within the statutory limit
Please provide the information in spreadsheet or CSV format where possible.

If any part of this request is unclear, I would be grateful for advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Response:

Please note: The results for this request were obtained from a summary / MO field search of the provided terms "Tinder, Hinge, Bumble, Grindr, Feeld, Plenty of Fish / POF, Match.com, Happn, Badoo, eHarmony". These types of searches are considered unreliable as they only search the MO field of an occurrence report. Therefore, if the terms stated are contained within the main body of the occurrence report, this will not be returned in the results. Additionally, if the term is misspelt or a variation of the term has been used, this will not be returned within the results.

| Reported Year | Offence Description | Aggrieved Reported Age | Suspect Reported Age | Aggrieved / suspect previously known to one another | Dating application referenced |
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| 2021 | Rape of a Female aged 16 or over | 18 - 25 | 25 - 35 | Yes | Tinder |
| 2022 | Rape of a female aged 16 or over | 18 - 25 | 18 - 25 | Yes | Tinder |
| 2023 | Rape of a female aged 16 or over | 35 - 45 | 35 - 45 | Yes | Tinder |

| Bumble | Hinge | Grindr | Feeld | Plenty of Fish | POF | Match.com | Happn | Badoo | eHarmony |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|----------------|-----|-----------|-------|-------|----------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed on 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

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



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.

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

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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
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>