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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 24th July 2026

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2026 / 633

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th July 2026 concerning Rapes & 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 Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please provide the number of **rape cases** reported to your Force during 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025 and 1 Jan – 30 June 2026.

Please provide an ethnic and gender* breakdown of the suspect for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer defined ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data [* a female may be guilty of rape if they assist a male perpetrator in an attack].

Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the victims/survivors for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer defined ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.

Please provide the ages of the youngest and oldest raped for each corresponding year in a table.

Please provide figures for the number of cases which resulted in the arrests of suspects.

Please provide the outcomes of the arrests e.g., no further action, charged, sent to crown court or whichever way you record outcomes.



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Turning to one specific group – asylum seekers. In the following years, please provide figures for:

The number of **rape cases** reported to your force where the suspect was an asylum seeker during the following years: 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025 and 1 Jan – 30 June 2026.

Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the victims/survivors for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer defined ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.

Please provide the ages of the youngest and oldest raped for each corresponding year in a table.

Please provide figures for the number of cases which resulted in the arrests of suspects.

Please provide the outcomes of the arrests e.g., no further action, charged, sent to crown court or whichever way you record outcomes.

Still staying with asylum seekers. In the following years, please provide figures for:

The number of **sexual and indecent assaults excluding rape** reported to your force where the suspect was an asylum seeker during the following years: 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025 and 1 Jan – 30 June 2026.

Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the victims/survivors for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer defined ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.

Please provide the ages of the youngest and oldest raped for each corresponding year in a table.

Please provide figures for the number of cases which resulted in the arrests of suspects.

Please provide the outcomes of the arrests e.g., no further action, charged, sent to crown court or whichever way you record outcomes.

Our response:

Please refer to the attached excel spreadsheet which gives you the information you require.

Please Note

Whilst our Crime Recording system(s) are fairly sophisticated and contain a number of fields in which specific information about a crime is recorded (such as victim name, suspect dob, witness address etc) – and which can then theoretically be used to undertake searches on for data, NOT ALL of these fields are mandatory.

Although we have a field called "Immigration Status" of which Asylum Seeker is an option, this field is not mandatory. Unless there is a specific reason for us to record the Immigration Status of an individual, this field is unlikely to have been populated at the time the crime was recorded.

Due to this field not being mandatory for users and the unlikely event that it would be necessary for us to specifically record that detail (or even ask for that information) we cannot rely on the content of the Immigration Status field to provide accurate information.

Whilst I have provided you with the answers to questions 2 and 3 related specifically to Asylum Seekers, the results provided come with the caveat that they are most likely understated.

(Attached – Response 2026-633.xlsx)

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 Fol 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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Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk