



## Force Disclosure Unit

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by email

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021/429

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 concerning school-based police officers.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Youth & Early Intervention Supervisor and the CPT Developmental Lead at Wiltshire Police. Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

### You wrote:

- a. How many dedicated police officers (sometimes referred to as "Safer School" Officers) are deployed across Wiltshire?
- b. Names of schools that these police officers are deployed to (if unable to disclose this, please provide the name of the areas/boroughs that have a large density of "Safer School Officers" deployed)
- c. What is the nature of the complaints or concerns "Safer School Officers" are dealing with in these schools? (name of incident and year in which it occurred)
- d. Please provide details of complaints lodged against "Safer School Officers" during their deployment at these schools (including interaction and comments with the staff, parents, and pupils recorded) (please provide copies of complaints if possible)
- e. List of factors that determines if a "Safer School Officer" is sent to a certain school (social metrics, class metrics, deprivation levels, etc)
- f. Has there been a recorded decline in youth offending in the schools that "Safer School Officers" have been deployed in? (comparison by years)

For the following periods:

2016/17

2017/18

2018/19

2019/20

2020/21



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## Our response:

Wiltshire Police do not have any assigned School Based Police Officers within schools.

All Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are points of contact for the schools on their beat areas and have early intervention within their job roles. For schools, these interactions include visibility patrols, general engagement and educational visits to the school, to maintain a regular point of contact and consistency. The PCSOs are supported by 3 Youth and Early Intervention PCSOs, who are not dedicated school officers but do support with this area of engagement alongside their other youth related duties. The three Youth and Early Intervention PCSOs are based across the force, with one in North and one in South Wilts and one in Swindon.

With regards to the school engagement element of their role, the Youth and EI PCSOs are responsible for providing and creating the resources for PCSOs to deliver in schools, maintaining the school PCSO SPOC list for CPTs, co-ordinating Mini Police sessions and being the Youth and EI point of contact in Force, overseeing youth engagement to ensure it is of a high standard and co-ordinated for effective delivery force wide.

There are currently no plans to amend the current approach to school engagement within the Community Policing Teams (to be revised Sept 2021).

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,

Force 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](mailto: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  
Fax: 01625 524 510  
Email: [mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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/>