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By email

Date: 7th June 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021/439

Reply contact name is: Abigail Standidge

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th May 2021 concerning police powers for protests.

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, and consultation with the Strategic Support Officer for Force Operations and the Staff Officers to the Chief Constable at Wiltshire Police, your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The request is urgent so can you please provide an answer by 1st of June?

Did the government (including any representatives of the Home Office) consult with your police force on the development of Part 3 ("Public Order") of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, which relates to police powers for protests. If so, can you please send me:

- Any correspondence containing questions sent by Home Office officials to your police force regarding any consultation on Part 3 ("Public Order") of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill.
- Written submissions by your police force to the Home Office regarding any government consultation on Part 3 of the Bill.
- Any notes of meetings between officials of your police force and officials of the Home Office regarding any government consultation on Part 3 of the Bill.

Can you also please specify whether Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary consulted your police force on the issue of protest-related legislation as part of its "inspection of how effectively the police deal with protests". If so, can you please send me written correspondence and notes of meetings between representatives of your police force and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary regarding this inspection.



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Our Response:

Wiltshire Police are not able to answer your questions as we do not hold the information you require.

Under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you to contact Essex Police, as their Chief Constable is the National Public Order Lead for the National Police Chiefs' Council. It is highly likely that any consultation on the matter would have been via the NPCC rather than directly to Forces.

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,

Abigail Standidge
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:

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London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
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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
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/>