

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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I write in connection with your request for information dated 18th May concerning motoway specific 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 justice traffic team, I am happy to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

The request is specific to your police force and relates to motorway-specific traffic offences.

Please could you share with me the number of penalties issued from 2016 to present, broken down by year (calendar year ideally), and broken down by the following motorway-specific traffic offences?

1. Drive in reverse or wrong way on slip road
2. Drive in reverse or wrong way on motorway
3. Drive off carriageway (central reservation or hard shoulder)
4. Make U turn on motorway
5. Learner driver or excluded vehicle
6. Stop on hard shoulder
7. Vehicle in prohibited lane
8. Walk on motorway, slip road or hard shoulder



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Response

2016

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued
ME82005	Drive / move vehicle making 'u' turn on the motorway	1
	Total	1
ME82010	Stop vehicle on the motorway hard shoulder / emergency refuge area	7
	Total	7
ME82012	Learner driver drive a vehicle while on motorway	2 (+2)
	Total	2 (4)
ME82017	Prohibited vehicle in offside lane of motorway	10
	Total	10
RR84012	Use a vehicle on a special road which was not a class of traffic authorised for use on that road	1
	Total	1
RR84017	Excluded traffic on a special road - pedestrian	2
	Total	2
Total		23 (25)

2017

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued
ME82010	Stop vehicle on the motorway hard shoulder / emergency refuge area	9
	Total	9
ME82012	Learner driver drive a vehicle while on motorway	1
	Total	1
ME82017	Prohibited vehicle in offside lane of motorway	13
	Total	13
RR84017	Excluded traffic on a special road - pedestrian	1 (2)
	Total	1 (3)
Total		24 (26)

2018

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued
ME82009	Drive on motorway hard shoulder / emergency refuge area	1
	Total	1
ME82010	Stop vehicle on the motorway hard shoulder / emergency refuge area	5

	Total	5
ME82017	Prohibited vehicle in offside lane of motorway	9
	Total	9
RR84012	Use a vehicle on a special road which was not a class of traffic authorised for use on that road	1
	Total	1
RR84017	Excluded traffic on a special road - pedestrian	1 (+1)
	Total	1 (2)
Total		17 (18)

2019

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued
ME82010	Stop vehicle on the motorway hard shoulder / emergency refuge area	8
	Total	8
ME82017	Prohibited vehicle in offside lane of motorway	9 (+4)
	Total	9 (13)
RR84017	Excluded traffic on a special road - pedestrian	1
	Total	1
Total		18 (22)

2020

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued
ME82010	Stop vehicle on the motorway hard shoulder / emergency refuge area	22
	Total	22
ME82017	Prohibited vehicle in offside lane of motorway	5
	Total	5
RR84017	Excluded traffic on a special road - pedestrian	2
	Total	2
Total		29

2021 – to 31/05/2021

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued
ME82002	Drive a vehicle the wrong way on a motorway slip road	1
	Total	1
ME82010	Stop vehicle on the motorway hard shoulder / emergency refuge area	4
	Total	4
ME82017	Prohibited vehicle in offside lane of motorway	2

	Total	2
RR84017	Excluded traffic on a special road - pedestrian	1
	Total	1
Total		8

Note: The additional + logs, are occurrence logs which have been generated via out main system, as opposed to ones used by justice traffic.

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.

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/>