

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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Date: 25 June 2021

Your ref:

Our ref: FOI 2021/423

Reply contact name is: Lloyd Tilbury

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 9th May 2021, concerning unmarked police cars.

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, searches were conducted with the Serious Organised Crime Unit and the Fleet Department of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote:

I would like to request the following information about how much money your police force has spent on buying unmarked police cars.

- 1) Details I would like are a breakdown on make/model, how many have been purchased and are in use, and the total amount of money spent on each make/model.

Response:**Question One**

BMW	330	25021
BMW	530	19998
BMW	530	23264
BMW	530	29855
BMW	I3	21043
BMW	I3	16659
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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

BMW	I3	16659
BMW	I3	16659
FORD	CONNECT	12916
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FORD	CONNECT	12916
FORD	CONNECT	12916
FORD	CONNECT	0
FORD	CONNECT	9485
FORD	FIESTA	6674
FORD	FIESTA	6634
FORD	GALAXY	18262
FORD	GALAXY	18263
FORD	GALAXY	24956
FORD	KUGA	0
FORD	MONDEO	18424
FORD	TRANSIT	19897
FORD	TRANSIT	35245
FORD	TRANSIT	19666
FORD	TRANSIT	33345
HONDA	ACCORD	15914
HONDA	ACCORD	14995
HONDA	CIVIC	12175
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HONDA	CIVIC	13120
HONDA	CIVIC	12174
HONDA	CIVIC	12995
HONDA	CIVIC	14203
HONDA	CIVIC	12174
HONDA	CIVIC	12174
HONDA	CRV	16836
MERCEDES	SPRINTER	26731
MERCEDES	SPRINTER	14436
MERCEDES	SPRINTER	24995
MERCEDES	SPRINTER	14436
MERCEDES	SPRINTER	26754
MERCEDES	VITO	19950
PEUGEOT	EXPERT	13366
SEAT	LEON	18879
SKODA	FABIA	8000
SKODA	OCTAVIA	11951
SKODA	OCTAVIA	14005
SKODA	OCTAVIA	17641
SKODA	OCTAVIA	10951
SKODA	OCTAVIA	17332
SKODA	OCTAVIA	14645

SKODA	OCTAVIA	10604
SKODA	RAPID	11184
SKODA	RAPID	11184
SKODA	YETI	11927
VAUXHALL	ASTRA	9375
VAUXHALL	ASTRA	14196
VAUXHALL	ASTRA	11084
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VAUXHALL	ASTRA	14263
VAUXHALL	ASTRA	16315
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VAUXHALL	CORSA	8038
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VAUXHALL	CORSA	7062
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VAUXHALL	CORSA	8431
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA	14195
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA	14195
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA	14090
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA	14195
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA	17366
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA	11202
VAUXHALL	MERIVA	11621
VAUXHALL	MOVANO	22963
VAUXHALL	VIVARO	16310
VAUXHALL	VIVARO	16310
VAUXHALL	VIVARO	16310
VOLVO	V70	21593
VOLVO	V70	25577

Please note any covert vehicles have been redacted in accordance with the following exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Section 31(1) – Law Enforcement

Section 31(1) is a prejudice based and qualified exemption, therefore the harm (prejudice) in disclosure should be evidenced and the public interest given.

Overall Harm

Although every effort should be made to release information under the Freedom of Information Act, to disclose the covert vehicles used by Wiltshire Police would prejudice future law enforcement tactics and our ability to effectively and efficiently prevent and detect crime and bring offenders to justice.

Although there is public interest in the transparency of policing, this is countered by the need to protect any future law enforcement conducted by Wiltshire Police.

Furthermore, there is a very strong public interest in safeguarding the integrity of police law enforcement tactics and the ability to police effectively. This, in-turn, would reassure the public that the police are highly secure and would not disclose any information to the world, not just the requester, which may jeopardise law enforcement.

Public Interest Considerations

Section 31 – Law Enforcement

Factors Favouring Disclosure

The disclosure of this information would lead to a better-informed public and promote trust by demonstrating openness, transparency and accountability. In addition, the public are entitled to know how public funds are being spent.

Factors Against Disclosure

Disclosing this information would provide to the world, not just the requester, covert and sensitive information surrounding Wiltshire Police's fleet and the number of unmarked vehicles. This would place our law enforcement and investigative ability into jeopardy and by providing covert information into the public domain would undermine the very purpose of them.

Furthermore, disclosing this information into the public domain would highlight that Wiltshire Police does not take the security and integrity of law enforcement seriously, which would cause a large drop in confidence. This would allow criminals to be able to counter and avoid detection, which would lead to more victims being repeatedly targeted.

Balance Test

The above points highlight both the merits and issues with disclosing in full the requested information in relation to your Freedom of Information request. Overall the police service is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. Because of this, Wiltshire Police will not divulge any information if to do so would prejudice our law enforcement capabilities and in turn lead to more victims of crime and offenders not being brought to justice. The public interest is very largely in favour of non-disclosure in full to ensure the capability of law enforcement of Wiltshire Police.

This would only be overridden in exceptional circumstances, which this Freedom of Information request is not.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 31(1) – Law Enforcement

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely

Lloyd Tilbury
Principal 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,
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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 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

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/>