

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 29th July 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 587

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021 concerning Unlawful Arrest and False Imprisonment.

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 Professional Standards & Litigation Departments - I am now able to respond as follows.

**You wrote (and Our Response) :**

Please could you provide the below information for the calendar years of 2018, 2019, 2020 and for the period 01/01/21 to 31/06/21.

1. How many (unique) claims- either compensation claims and/or complaints- of unlawful arrest or false imprisonment has your police force received over the requested period? Please can you distinguish between the unlawful arrest claims/complaints and the false imprisonment ones

|              | Complaints      |                    | Compensation Claims                  |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Year         | Unlawful Arrest | False Imprisonment | Unlawful Arrest & False Imprisonment |
| 2018         | 11              | 0                  | 7                                    |
| 2019         | 17              | 0                  | 2                                    |
| 2020         | 2               | 0                  | 9                                    |
| 2021 to date | 0               | 0                  | 1                                    |



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2. How many of these claims/complaints were successful (i.e. upheld)?

| Year         | Complaints      |                    | Compensation Claims                  |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
|              | Unlawful Arrest | False Imprisonment | Unlawful Arrest & False Imprisonment |
| 2018         | None            | None               | 1                                    |
| 2019         | None            | None               | 1                                    |
| 2020         | None            | None               | 1                                    |
| 2021 to date | None            | None               | 0                                    |

3. How much money did your police force have to pay out to the complainants in total?

| Year         | Complaints      |                    | Compensation Claims                  |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
|              | Unlawful Arrest | False Imprisonment | Unlawful Arrest & False Imprisonment |
| 2018         | n/a             | n/a                | £4,000                               |
| 2019         | n/a             | n/a                | £2,000                               |
| 2020         | n/a             | n/a                | £18,000                              |
| 2021 to date | n/a             | n/a                | 0                                    |

Please Note

- All Compensation Claims were for both Unlawful Arrest and False Imprisonment not one or other.
- The £18,000 compensation claim for 2020 includes settlement for Injury.

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](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 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](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk)