

**Force Disclosure Unit**

Wiltshire Police HQ

London Road

Devizes

Wiltshire

SN10 2DN

Tel 101 ext 62005

www.wiltshire.police.ukdisclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.ukDate: 3rd March 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 110

Reply contact name is:

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3rd February 2022 concerning Cryptocurrency seizures.

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 Digital Investigations and Intelligence Unit I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am writing to request information which I believe is held by the Regional Organised Crime Unit or Special Operations Unit (ROCU/SOU) of which your force is part. I believe I am entitled to this information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I draw your attention to a previous FOI answered by West Midlands police (Ref: Cryptocurrency 1218A/21), to indicate that such information is held - and was disclosed - by at least one ROCU and might therefore be reasonably expected to be held - and disclosed - by others.

I would like to know the following:-

1. How much cryptocurrency has been seized by your force, or the ROCU of which it is part, since 2017. Please provide a breakdown by year and by the type of cryptocurrency (e.g. Bitcoin, Ethereum etc)
2. How much has been returned to the subjects of any seizure (again, by date and type please).
3. How do you store cryptocurrency that you have seized?
4. In cases where seized cryptocurrency is not returned, what happens to it?



Our response:

Please note your request has been answered in response to in house Wiltshire Police data only. Your request for ROCU data is held by the parent Force Avon and Somerset, we have liaised with them and they will respond to your request in due course.

1. How much cryptocurrency has been seized by your force, or the ROCU of which it is part, since 2017. Please provide a breakdown by year and by the type of cryptocurrency (e.g. Bitcoin, Ethereum etc) - **None**
2. How much has been returned to the subjects of any seizure (again, by date and type please). – **N/A as per above.**
3. How do you store cryptocurrency that you have seized? **N/A as per above.**
4. In cases where seized cryptocurrency is not returned, what happens to it? **N/A as per above.**

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,

Disclosure Decision Maker



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN
Telephone 101 ext 62005

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