



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 28th September 2022

Ref: FOI 2022/581

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd September 2022 concerning fines issued to drivers caught using a device whilst driving.

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 after having consulted the Justice Traffic department – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Original request:

- The total number of drivers caught (issued a penalty) using a mobile phone while driving, broken down by month for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date.
- The total number of drivers caught (issued a penalty) using a sat nav or other device (excluding mobile phones) while driving, broken down by month for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date.

Refined request:

Would it be possible to please refine the request for fines for drivers caught using a device in general, e.g. not broken down by device type for the years stated?

Our response:

The number of fixed penalty notices issued to drivers for using a handheld device whilst driving in 2019:

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued											
		Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19

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RC86820	Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence	14	7	20	27	27	33	29	20	7	16	12	18
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The number of fixed penalty notices issued to drivers for using a handheld device whilst driving in 2020:

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued											
		Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20
RC86820	Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence	4	18	27	0	16	18	30	13	9	13	12	9

The number of fixed penalty notices issued to drivers for using a handheld device whilst driving in 2021:

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued											
		Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21
RC86820	Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence	41	22	27	31	17	12	0	11	12	34	12	10

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The number of fixed penalty notices issued to drivers for using a handheld device whilst driving in 2022 (so far):

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued				
		Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22
RC86820	Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence	9	14	20	5	0
RV86019	Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence	0	0	13	24	22

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.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.

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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