

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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www.wiltshire.police.ukdisclosure@wiltshire.police.ukDate: 29th September 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 718

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th of September 2022 concerning Peer-to-peer sales site crimes - Gumtree and Vinted.

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 Business Intelligence Unit I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1) In 2021 and 2022 up to the date of this email, how many crimes were logged by your force where the website Gumtree was recorded as being an element in the offence?

[Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search for recorded crimes looking at the modus operandi (MO) and/or 'investigation summary' fields for the word 'Gumtree', 'gum tree'.]

2) Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to Gumtree by its mention in the MO and/or investigation summary field.

3) Please provide me with copies of the first 10 MOs and/or investigation summary fields that mention Gumtree.

[Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for the names, ages, geography or any other detail to be redacted to allow for the disclosure of the incident and how it relates to Gumtree.]

4) Could you please go through the same process in answering Question 1, 2 and 3 but instead of Gumtree carry out the process in relation to the peer-to-peer e-commerce site Vinted?



Our response:

- 1) In 2021 and 2022 up to the date of this email, how many crimes were logged by your force where the website Gumtree was recorded as being an element in the offence? **4**
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AND
- 3) Please provide me with copies of the first 10 MOs and/or investigation summary fields that mention Gumtree. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for the names, ages, geography or any other detail to be redacted to allow for the disclosure of the incident and how it relates to Gumtree.]

Reported month/year	Gumtree	Occurrence Summary	Offence Description
June 2021	Yes	The suspect female has been said to be selling items belonging to the IP on Gumtree. The IP says he has receipts for the items.	Theft Other
August 2021	Yes	Ip items went missing from rp's home address, now selling one of these items on gum tree	Theft Other
March 2022	Yes	Male has bought a play station on Gum Tree for £500. All the notes were fake except for the top note.	Other forgery or uttering etc
August 2022	Yes	Unknown male suspect has stolen mountain bike that IP advertised for sale via Gumtree. IP has come to collect the bike and ridden off with it without paying IP any money.	Theft of pedal cycle

- 4) Could you please go through the same process in answering Question 1, 2 and 3 but instead of Gumtree carry out the process in relation to the peer-to-peer e-commerce site Vinted? **There are no crimes linked to Vinted**

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

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.

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
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