

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 6th October 2022

Our Ref FOI 2022/437

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19th May 2022, task reopened 9th September 2022 following clarification being received, concerning Special Police Services.

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, research was conducted by the Finance department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please provide details of each time that "special police services" were provided to a person for charge, pursuant to the power in s.25(1) of the Police Act 1996, from 2017 to 2022.

Clarification received 8th September 2022

We seek details on each time Wiltshire Police provided "special police services" under Section 25(1) of the Police Act 1996 to any organisation and/or individual over the past five years.

At a minimum, we require: (i) the name of the individual or organisation that the "special police services" were provided to; (ii) the date that they were provided; and (iii) the value of the consideration paid for those services. If the information is easily available, we would also like, in each instance: the number of officers deployed, the number of vehicles, the location of where the services were provided and the details of the events in question for which the services were provided.

Our response:

I have considered your request and I am able to provide a partial response to your request. Some of the information relevant to this request is exempt by virtue of Section 31(1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement and s40(2) - Personal Data.

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- ❖ Section 31 is a qualified prejudice-based exemption and therefore requires Wiltshire Police to establish the harm in disclosure, along with the public interest favouring and against disclosure.
- ❖ Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to articulate the harm or conduct a Public Interest test.

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Please see table at the end of this response letter. Please note: The information has been provided in fiscal year as this is how the information is recorded on our systems.

Some names are exempt from disclosure as this would constitute personal data under Section 40(2) of the FOIA as it relates to a third party individual, and the disclosure to the public would contravene the data protection principles set out in Section 34 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of the GDPR.

To note, where an individual is requesting third party personal data, Wiltshire Police must ensure that any action taken adheres to the principles of the DPA 2018 and the GDPR. To clarify, the FOIA only allows disclosure of personal data if that disclosure would be compliant with the principles for processing personal data.

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This information is exempt by virtue of s31(1)(a)(b) of the FOIA. Please see below harm and public interest tests.

Harm test

Disclosing information into the public domain - specifically relating to the number of officers and vehicles deployed, and the location of where these services were provided (although historic) - would undermine the core principles of policing; namely to prevent and detect crime. Disclosure of this information could cause substantial harm to planned policing operations, and all individuals involved i.e. police employees and the community. If Wiltshire Police were to place this information into the public domain, this would prejudice our ability to prevent and detect crime, and to apprehend or prosecute offenders; providing offenders with the information they would need to evade detection, and therefore effecting the Force's ability to protect the community.

Factors favouring disclosure

It could be suggested providing the number of officers and vehicles deployed and the location of where the services were provided, for historical events, would not imply the numbers for future events. For example, numbers at protests or football matches may be intelligence led and therefore could change on each occasion. Additionally, placing this information into the public domain would provide the public with a greater awareness of how the public funds are being spent, and allow the Force to be as open and transparent with the public as possible.

Factors against disclosure

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Although historic, providing the number of officers and vehicles and the location of the services provided for deployments, specifically those which are not intelligence led, would reveal operational tactics and patterns of deployment for future similar events. This would hinder the Force's ability to uphold the core principle of the prevention and detection of crime. Disclosing this information would assist criminals, or those with criminal intent, as they will be able to use this information to their advantage to commit criminal acts or evade capture. This will put the public at a greater risk and result in trust in the Force diminishing.

Balance test

Whilst there is a public interest in transparency and openness between the Force and the public, in addition to the public seeing how the Force are engaging with the threat from criminals, there is a stronger interest in ensuring the public are protected from the threat of criminals, and that the enforcement of the law and the prevention and detection of crime is upheld. To disclose information which is likely to assist offenders would seriously undermine the effective delivery of operational law enforcement, and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

Date 'Special Police Services' were provided	Name of the individual / organisation 'Special Police Services' were provided to	The value of the consideration paid for the 'Special Police Services'
2017/18		
05/04/2017		-452.25
13/04/2017	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-12536
27/04/2017	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	3136
27/04/2017	TRI-FERRIS PROMOTIONS LTD	-406.8
31/05/2017		-1660.56
15/06/2017	CHALKE VALLEY HISTORY FESTIVALS LTD	-2260
27/06/2017	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-1489.68
06/07/2017	TRI-FERRIS PROMOTIONS LTD	-406.8
06/07/2017	CORSHAM TOWN COUNCIL	-317.04
06/07/2017	THE REMY CHARITY	-1117.26
11/07/2017	D B MAX LTD	-406.8
13/07/2017	THE RAF CHARITABLE TRUST ENTERPRISES	-82309.9
24/07/2017	WORLD IN THE PARK LTD	-42209.2
25/07/2017	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-2979.36
27/07/2017	D B MAX LTD	-406.8
08/08/2017		-1660.56
29/08/2017		-1355.36
29/08/2017		-465.52
29/08/2017	CHIPPENHAM BID COMPANY LTD	-610.52
29/08/2017	CORSHAM TOWN COUNCIL	-396.3
04/09/2017		-2270.76
04/09/2017	TRI-FERRIS PROMOTIONS LTD	-406.8
31/10/2017		-506.48
20/11/2017	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-2728
04/12/2017	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-12315
2018/19		
25/04/2018		506.48
16/05/2018	C J Clothier Transport	-2273.5
29/05/2018	C J Clothier Transport	-1818

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31/05/2018	C J Clothier Transport	-2273.5
31/05/2018	C J Clothier Transport	1818
31/05/2018	WALTERS PLANT HIRE LTD	-1588.62
29/06/2018	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-2848.95
04/07/2018	WORLD IN THE PARK LTD	-43052.9
04/07/2018	CHALKE VALLEY HISTORY FESTIVALS LTD	-2074.68
04/07/2018	THE RAF CHARITABLE TRUST ENTERPRISES	-51984.2
18/07/2018		-506.4
30/07/2018	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-3522.51
30/07/2018	Les Searle Plant Hire and Sales Ltd	-805.84
16/08/2018	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-4658.69
07/09/2018	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-3522.51
07/09/2018	THE REMY CHARITY	-1139.58
07/09/2018	SMITHS MECHANICAL SERVICES	-1059.08
25/09/2018		-506.4
25/09/2018	ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	-1323.85
07/11/2018	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-11804.5
20/11/2018	FTX LOGISTICS	-2647.7
12/12/2018	WH TRANSPORT	-822
17/01/2019	HUTCHINSON ENGINEERING SERVICES LTD	-1996.2
06/03/2019	KINGS HEAVY HAULAGE LTD	-1338.64
21/03/2019	BG RODWELL	-1596.96
21/03/2019	BG RODWELL	-1596.96
21/03/2019	WH TRANSPORT	-1855.28
29/03/2019		-1033.28
2019/20		
24/04/2019	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-6020.64
25/04/2019	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-1338.64
10/05/2019	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-1596.96
10/05/2019	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-1596.96
06/06/2019	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-2794.68
19/06/2019	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-3593.16
27/06/2019	RG Maidment Ltd	-1596.96
23/07/2019	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-1338.64
29/07/2019	THE RAF CHARITABLE TRUST ENTERPRISES	-41757.2
30/07/2019	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-7186.32
13/08/2019	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-1615.6
13/08/2019	KINGS HEAVY HAULAGE LTD	-4442.9
09/09/2019	WORLD IN THE PARK LTD	-44429
10/09/2019	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-12202.3
10/09/2019	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-1615.6
24/09/2019	Castle Combe Circuit Ltd	-1049.6
12/11/2019	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-1615.6
02/12/2019	Gilders Transport Ltd	-8078
02/12/2019	Gilders Transport Ltd	-4846.8
02/12/2019	Gilders Transport Ltd	-1615.6
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02/12/2019	Gilders Transport Ltd	-1615.6
02/12/2019	Gilders Transport Ltd	-4846.8
02/12/2019	KINGS HEAVY HAULAGE LTD	-2423.4
02/12/2019	Hoban Low Loaders	-1353.2
10/12/2019	Gilders Transport Ltd	-4846.8
10/12/2019	Gilders Transport Ltd	-1615.6
16/12/2019	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-1615.6
16/12/2019	Gilders Transport Ltd	-4846.8
16/12/2019	Lymers Assist	-1615.6
31/12/2019	Gilders Transport Ltd	-4846.8
13/01/2020	Gilders Transport Ltd	-1353.2
13/01/2020	Gilders Transport Ltd	-4846.8
13/01/2020	J B RAWCLIFFE & SONS LTD	-1615.6
17/01/2020	Gilders Transport Ltd	4846.8
12/02/2020	C&C Transport Ltd	-4039
28/02/2020	C&C Transport Ltd	-1615.6
30/03/2020	John Brindley Ltd	-1615.6
2020/21		
16/06/2020	Finnie Heavy Haulage	-1732.48
22/06/2020	B W Machinery Ltd	-1452.16
22/07/2020	ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	-2165.6
22/07/2020	ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	-2598.72
22/07/2020	Finnie Heavy Haulage	-2165.6
22/07/2020	ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	-2165.6
14/08/2020	ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	-23873.3
14/08/2020	B W Machinery Ltd	-1452.16
14/08/2020	DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	-1171.84
26/08/2020	Ainscough Crane Hire Ltd	-891.52
26/08/2020	R Swain and Sons Ltd	-1732.48
26/08/2020	WWL ALS UK International Ltd	-2598.72
28/08/2020	KINGS HEAVY HAULAGE LTD	-1815.2
28/08/2020	ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	-3993.44
15/09/2020	A AND S PLANT SERVICES LTD	-1732.48
29/09/2020	Gilders Transport Ltd	-1732.48
29/09/2020	Gilders Transport Ltd	-15592.3
29/09/2020	BOXHILL CARAVANS	-1171.84
29/09/2020	BUGLAR TRANSPORT LTD	-1171.84
29/09/2020	TITUS NEWSOME LTD	-1815.2
29/09/2020	Gilders Transport Ltd	-1732.48
13/10/2020	Gilders Transport Ltd	-10394.9
13/10/2020	Gilders Transport Ltd	-6929.92
13/10/2020	Gilders Transport Ltd	-1732.48
17/11/2020	KINGS HEAVY HAULAGE LTD	-3031.84
09/12/2020	HELLARD HAULAGE	-1732.48
15/12/2020	C J Clothier Transport	-1732.48
26/02/2021	ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	-2815.28
26/02/2021	R L Taylor Ltd	-1452.16
26/02/2021	Gilders Transport Ltd	-17324.8
26/02/2021	Gilders Transport Ltd	-6929.92
26/02/2021	Gilders Transport Ltd	-3464.96

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26/02/2021	Gilders Transport Ltd	-6929.92
2021/22		
28/04/2021	Gilders Transport Ltd	-19744.56
06/05/2021	CHARLES RUSSELL TRANSPORT (UK) LTD	-1794.96
06/05/2021	WALKER AND SON HAULIERS LTD	-1794.96
24/06/2021	WALTERS PLANT HIRE LTD	-2243.7
12/07/2021	Gilders Transport Ltd	-7179.84
15/07/2021	ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	-3589.92
31/08/2021	BBC STUDIOS PRODUCTIONS LTD	-1215
15/12/2021	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-6256.44
15/12/2021	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-13562.28
18/01/2022	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-13037.58
18/01/2022	ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	-1732.48
18/01/2022	ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	-2598.72
18/01/2022	D and R Services	-1732.48
24/02/2022	ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	-1794.96
24/02/2022	Mammoet UK Ltd	-12115.98
10/03/2022	WALTERS PLANT HIRE LTD	-2243.7
10/03/2022	Lawsons Haulage Ltd	-1794.96
29/03/2022	ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	-2692.44
31/03/2022	SMITHS MECHANICAL SERVICES	-1794.96
2022/23 (so far)		
06/04/2022	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-10434.06
29/04/2022	SMITHS MECHANICAL SERVICES	-6355.18
29/04/2022	Mammoet UK Ltd	-3281.28
10/05/2022	ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	-2933.16
12/05/2022	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-13562.28
23/05/2022	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-2983.14
25/05/2022	HELLARD HAULAGE	-1640.64
25/05/2022	Mammoet UK Ltd	-4921.92
15/06/2022	Mammoet UK Ltd	-3281.28
23/06/2022	Mammoet UK Ltd	-1955.44
28/06/2022	RAF Charitable Trust	-44805.93
05/07/2022	SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	-2256.66
05/07/2022	John Somerscales Ltd	-1955.44
13/07/2022	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-2983.14
01/08/2022	THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	-2983.14
01/08/2022	Kaiser Heavy Transport	-2688.73
18/08/2022	World In the Park Ltd	-43019.68
25/08/2022	Briton Fabricators Ltd	-1640.64
06/09/2022	Ascroft Transport	-4399.74
13/09/2022	Mammoet UK Ltd	-2697.06
29/09/2022	Walters Plant Hire	-2810.95

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, 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.

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In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemptions applied:

Section 31(1)(a)(b) – Law Enforcement

Section 40(2) – Personal Data

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,

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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 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 to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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