

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 19th October 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 795

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 7th October 2022 concerning Police Stations and Counters.

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 IT and Finance Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would like to request the following information from Wiltshire Police in relation to the number of police stations located within the force's boundaries.

Could you please tell us –

1. The total number of police stations located within the boundaries of the force for each of the years 2008-2021
2. The total number of police stations and counters closed 2008-2021

Our response:

The table below provides you with the answers to the above questions :-



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Police Sites within Boundary					
Year	Police Stations	Shared facilities and/or touchdown points	TOTAL Facilities	Police Stations Closed	Enquiry Offices / Counter Services Closed
2008	24	3	27	0	0
2009	24	3	27	0	0
2010	24	3	27	0	0
2011	24	3	27	0	0
2012	24	3	27	0	0
2013	24	3	27	0	0
2014	22	5	27	2	0
2015	21	6	27	1	0
2016	21	6	27	0	0
2017	20	7	27	1	0
2018	19	8	27	1	0
2019	18	9	27	1	0
2020	18	9	27	0	0
2021	18	9	27	0	0

Please Note :-

- Since 2014 a number of Police Stations have been sold and functions have moved to either shared facilities (eg shared offices with local councils, etc) or specific touchdown points (eg within libraries or other public/civic buildings), however the total number of Police premises on our Estate has stayed the same between 2008 and 2021.
- Not all of our Police Sites have held an Enquiry Office / Counter Service.
- Wiltshire Police formally closed 19 Enquiry Offices / Counter Services in 2007 but since that date no others have been closed. We currently have those facilities at 7 different locations within our boundary.

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.

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