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Date 28th October 2022

Our ref **FOI 2022/817**

Dear ***,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th October 2022 concerning the number of motorists caught drink driving / under the influence of alcohol and offences.

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 Business Intelligence Unit at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

1. The number of motorists caught drink driving / under the influence of alcohol in your force area, broken down by month for 2021 and 2022 to date.
2. Based on the number of motorists caught drink driving / under the influence of alcohol in your force area during 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date), please specify how many were charged under the following offences: (-) Being in charge of a vehicle while above the legal limit or unfit through drink (-) Driving or attempting to drive while above the legal limit or unfit through drink (-) Refusing to provide a specimen of breath, blood or urine for analysis (-) Causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink (-) NA - No charge

Response

Question 1: The number of motorists caught drink driving / under the influence of alcohol in your force area, broken down by month for 2021 and 2022 to date.

Please note for "Caught" we have used arrested.

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Arrest Month / Year	Arrest Reason	Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)
Jan-2021		-	30	2	3	1
Feb-2021		-	26	14	-	-
Mar-2021		-	28	4	-	-
Apr-2021		-	50	3	2	-
May-2021		-	63	12	5	1
Jun-2021		1	73	10	6	1
Jul-2021		-	67	6	9	1
Aug-2021		-	68	6	2	2
Sep-2021		-	53	2	1	-
Oct-2021		-	70	9	6	1
Nov-2021		-	47	2	8	-
Dec-2021		1	64	4	1	-
Jan-2022		-	64	12	4	1
Feb-2022		-	58	12	4	1
Mar-2022		-	55	7	6	1
Apr-2022		-	41	9	4	-
May-2022		1	49	5	2	-
Jun-2022		-	52	-	5	4
Jul-2022		-	51	5	4	-
Aug-2022		-	64	3	2	-
Sep-2022		-	52	10	2	-

Question 2: Based on the number of motorists caught drink driving / under the influence of alcohol in your force area during 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date), please specify how many were charged under the following offences: (-) Being in charge of a vehicle while above the legal limit or unfit through drink (-) Driving or attempting to drive while above the legal limit or unfit through drink (-) Refusing to provide a specimen of breath, blood or urine for analysis (-) Causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink (-) NA - No charge.

All the outcomes we have for that period for all the requested offences are shown on the below table. If they are not there it means no one was charged for them.

Arrest Month / Year	Arrest Reason	Charged

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Oct-2022		28
Oct-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	26
Oct-2022	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	1
Oct-2022	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1
Sep-2022		37
Sep-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	32
Sep-2022	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	3
Sep-2022	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	2
Aug-2022		38
Aug-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	37
Aug-2022	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1
Jul-2022		33
Jul-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	28
Jul-2022	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	2
Jul-2022	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	3
Jun-2022		39
Jun-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	35
Jun-2022	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	2
Jun-2022	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	2
May-2022		29
May-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	25
May-2022	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	3
May-2022	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	1
Apr-2022		35
Apr-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	29
Apr-2022	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	2
Apr-2022	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	4
Mar-2022		44
Mar-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	36
Mar-2022	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	5
Mar-2022	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	2
Mar-2022	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1
Feb-2022		49

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Feb-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	39
Feb-2022	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	5
Feb-2022	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	4
Feb-2022	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1
Jan-2022		48
Jan-2022	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	40
Jan-2022	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	6
Jan-2022	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	2
Dec-2021		54
Dec-2021	Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	1
Dec-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	50
Dec-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	3
Nov-2021		34
Nov-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	28
Nov-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1
Nov-2021	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	5
Oct-2021		50
Oct-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	41
Oct-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	5
Oct-2021	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	4
Sep-2021		38
Sep-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	37
Sep-2021	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	1
Aug-2021		50
Aug-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	46
Aug-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	3
Aug-2021	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	2
Jul-2021		54
Jul-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	43
Jul-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	5
Jul-2021	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	5
Jul-2021	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1
Jun-2021		50

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Jun-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	42
Jun-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	3
Jun-2021	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	4
Jun-2021	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1
May-2021		54
May-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	46
May-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	4
May-2021	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	4
Apr-2021		36
Apr-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	33
Apr-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1
Apr-2021	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	2
Mar-2021		19
Mar-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	17
Mar-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	2
Feb-2021		26
Feb-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	21
Feb-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	5
Jan-2021		25
Jan-2021	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)	21
Jan-2021	Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1
Jan-2021	In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)	2
Jan-2021	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)	1

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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Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN

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:

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>