



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

Date: 26th October 2022

Ref: FOI 2022/840

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21st October 2022 concerning electronic stalking.

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 Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- a) the total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022) under the following HO Codes: 8L, 8M, 88, 8R, and 8U.

Please would you send me

For HO code, 8L
Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8M
Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 88
Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8R
Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8U
Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

- b) As a above, but broken down month

For HO code, 8L

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8M

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 88

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8R

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8U

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

Note: please **only include reports for both A and B if they include one or more of the following key words:** "air tag" "tracker" "smart tag" "tracking device" "Bluetooth tracker" "tile pro" "Chipolo CARD Spot" "Jobit smart tag" "Samsung galaxy smart tag" "electronic tag" "tagging device"

- c) the total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022) under the following HO Codes: 8L, 8M, 88, 8R, and 8U.

Please would you send me

For HO code, 8L

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8M

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 88

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8R

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

For HO code, 8U

Total number of reports made to your force this calendar year (2022)

- d) As a above, but broken down month

For HO code, 8L

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8M

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 88

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8R

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

For HO code, 8U

Total number of reports made to your force in; Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December

Note: **please only include reports for both C and D if they include one or more of the following key words:** "air tag" "apple tracker" "apple tracking device"

Please also provide me the information in Excel format according to the following layout:

Relevant title	Total
...	x
....	x
.....	x

CLARIFICATION RECEIVED – 21/10/22:

I appreciate I have requested the full calendar year 2022, I would like to correct this now and request information to date and the breakdown of months Jan - Oct (to date)

Furthermore, in light of other forces request to clarify A and B: reports with ALL key words. B and C reports with only the 3 key words in the notes: this is to compare all reports with reports only concerning apple.

Our response:

A wildcard search was carried out on the Home Office codes and keywords requested and we were able to retrieve the following information:

Questions A & B:

Reported Month & Year	Crime Code	Keyword "Tracker"
Apr-2022	8U	1
Apr-2022	8U	1
May-2022	8U	1
Sep-2022	8U	1
Sep-2022	8R	1

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Questions C & D:

There have been ZERO reports under the requested Home Office codes which contain the following keywords: "air tag", "apple tracker" and "apple tracking device".

However, please note, that wildcard searches are not the most reliable way of searching for information and this is because the system searches for the keywords requested within the summary of the incident and no further (for example, the wildcard search does not search within crime report, the call log or any other information relevant to the incident for those keywords). Therefore, whenever a request is received asking for a wildcard search to be carried out, it always comes with the caveat that they are unreliable and inaccurate. This is because the use of the keyword within the summary of the incident may be used out of context to what you are requesting the information for, and not only this but the keyword(s) might not be used within the summary but within the log itself as already previously alluded to, and we would not know this without manually looking through each and every log relating to the Home Office codes for the time period requested, in order to obtain this information accurately. Therefore, please be mindful that the results that have come back in relation to your request may not be a true reflection of how many reports there are relating to the Home Office codes that contain the keywords requested.

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.



Force Disclosure Unit

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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
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