



Via email



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Our ref: FOI 2022/505

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/06/2022 concerning MOD Boscombe Down.

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 and media teams at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

Thank you for the reply to my FOI request received on the 12th of August in respect of the policing operation at Boscombe Down.

Whilst I understand the exemptions applied I would ask you to review the response provided on the following basis:

1. to disclose the name of the Policing Operation risks no national security or implications, many police operations are known by name and this information is released by police forces routinely in different areas of the UK and I can see no reason why the release of the information might cause an issue or compromise to police or security.
2. The public are entitled to know the cost of such operations where they have an impact on local policing and involve removing officers from local communities and further afield, we have policing by consent and accountability and this includes making appropriate disclosures. The public are entitled to know how the PCC spends funds on local policing and the way in which this is costed and and accounted for as it's ultimately funded by the public through taxation and rates.



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Response

On reviewing your original Freedom of Information request, the response provided to you and your request for an internal review, I am upholding part of the original response provided to you.

In relation to the name of the operation – This was not an operation that Wiltshire police owned but a home office lead operation in relation to immigration. Under section 16 of the freedom of information act, I suggest submitting a freedom of information request to the Home Office for this information should you still require it.

You have also asked about the cost of the operation to Wiltshire police. At the time of your request, we did not hold this information as claims were still being received by the department. I can now advise that the costs for the operation currently stands at £37,559.

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