



Force Disclosure Unit

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Date: 29/12/2022

Your ref: **FOI**

Our ref: FOI 2022/1001

Reply contact name is

Dear ,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 20/12/2022, concerning car theft reports and recovery rates.

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, searches were conducted with the business intelligence team of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote:

1. Please provide the number of stolen car reports your force has received over the last five years. Please categorise the results by calendar years as so: (a) 2022 (b) 2021 (c) 2020 (d) 2019 (e) 2018. Where the 2022 stats will not be complete, please provide the date they go up to.
2. For each of these years please provide figures for how many reported stolen cars were successfully recovered. As above, please categorise these figures by (a) 2022 (b) 2021 (c) 2020 (d) 2019 and (e) 2018.
3. If the cost limit for this request has not yet been reached, please provide figures for how many of the reportedly stolen vehicles mentioned in the prior question were recovered by the force and officers itself, rather than by another party (the victim, a third party employed by the victim, neighbours, through social media etc). As above, please provide figures for the last five calendar years.
4. If the cost limit for this request has still not been reached, could you please provide figures for how many reportedly stolen vehicles were recovered by the victim, a third party employed by them or someone who made contact with them rather than the police force. As above, please provide figures for the last five calendar years.



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5. If the cost limit has still not been reached, please provide figures for how many stolen car reports resulted in charges being brought against a suspect. As above, please provide figures for the last five calendar years.
6. If the cost limit has still not been reached, how many stolen car reports have resulted in convictions. As above, please provide figures for the last five calendar years.

Response:

Please note that we would have to manually peruse every vehicle theft related report to discover if the vehicle was recovered – This has resulted in a S.12 response in relation to time and cost limits. We do not hold data on convictions, only the reports made regarding the thefts. All the information that we can is given below:

Reported.Year	Reports
2018	686
2019	641
2020	548
2021	465
2022	538
	Data to 30/11/22

Charged
Summoned

Reported.Year	Occurrences
2018	63
2019	46
2020	57
2021	31
2022	15
	Data to 30/11/22

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

S.12 – Time / cost limits

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/>