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Date 26th January 2023

Our ref **FOI 2023/056**

Dear ***,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th January concerning caravan thefts.

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 not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

1. The number of reported caravan thefts by month since January 2019
2. The number of reported motorhome/campervan thefts by month since January 2019
3. The total number of reported vehicle thefts by month since January 2019
4. If possible and the time/cost limit has not been reached, please break down 1 and 2 by outcome (eg resolved, recovered, unresolved, etc) and any other contextual information such as location.

Response:

The information that you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. We currently do not have the capability within our systems to flag information on reports of caravan, motorhome and campervan thefts which can then be analysed quickly and easily.

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The ascertaining of this information would only be possible by manually reading every report of a vehicle theft during the period you are requesting to determine if the thefts related to a caravan, motorhome or campervan.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below:

This data relates to vehicle thefts by reported month, data includes crimes and non-crime incidents

Reported Year	Month	Occurrences
Jan-2019		150
Feb-2019		113
Mar-2019		121
Apr-2019		145
May-2019		138
Jun-2019		131
Jul-2019		157
Aug-2019		156
Sep-2019		132
Oct-2019		157
Nov-2019		151
Dec-2019		143
Jan-2020		173
Feb-2020		152
Mar-2020		126
Apr-2020		44
May-2020		66
Jun-2020		96
Jul-2020		146
Aug-2020		98
Sep-2020		102
Oct-2020		129
Nov-2020		82
Dec-2020		119
Jan-2021		80
Feb-2021		64
Mar-2021		92
Apr-2021		109
May-2021		130

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Jun-2021	83
Jul-2021	89
Aug-2021	111
Sep-2021	106
Oct-2021	93
Nov-2021	130
Dec-2021	101
Jan-2022	90
Feb-2022	80
Mar-2022	97
Apr-2022	115
May-2022	127
Jun-2022	130
Jul-2022	116
Aug-2022	121
Sep-2022	129
Oct-2022	155
Nov-2022	122
Dec-2022	102

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

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

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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 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

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