

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By email

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

Date 17th February 2023

Our Ref FOI 2023-120

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th January 2023 concerning the Provision of Special Services.

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 department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

For the years 2019 to 2022 (either calendar or financial according to your data protocols) please provide details of each contract for the private hire or provision otherwise of police officers under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996 ("Provision of Special Services"), or equivalent arrangement, for which the force received payment.

Specifically:

- The name or title of the public body, individual, organisation or company that has paid for the officers.
- The address or location where the officers were deployed and, where available, the nature of the event.
- The number of officers contracted for.
- The amount paid and the duration of the contract or agreement.
- The nature of the duties for which the officers were contracted (eg public order; prevention of anti-social behaviour)

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Please note I am not asking for information concerning payments for the policing of large-scale sporting events, such as football matches, or events for which grants are available from other Government funds such as the policing of party political conferences or demonstrations.

Our response:

I have considered your request and I am able to provide a partial response to your request. The address / location where officers were deployed and the number of officers contracted is exempt from disclosure by virtue of Section 31(1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement.

Please see table at the end of this response letter for information that can be disclosed.

Section 31 is a qualified prejudice-based exemption and therefore requires Wiltshire Police to establish the harm in disclosure, along with the public interest favouring and against disclosure.

Harm test

Disclosing information into the public domain - specifically relating to the address / location of where these services were provided, and the number of officers contracted (although historic) - would undermine the core principles of policing; namely to prevent and detect crime. Disclosure of this information could cause substantial harm to planned policing operations, and all individuals involved i.e. police employees and the community. If Wiltshire Police were to place this information into the public domain, this would prejudice our ability to prevent and detect crime, and to apprehend or prosecute offenders; providing offenders with the information they would need to evade detection, and therefore effecting the Force's ability to protect the community.

Factors favouring disclosure

It could be suggested providing the address / location of where these services were provided and the number of officers contracted, for historic events, would not imply the numbers for future events. For example, some events may be intelligence led and therefore the numbers could change on each occasion. Additionally, placing this information into the public domain would provide the public with a greater awareness of how the public funds are being spent, and allow the Force to be as open and transparent with the public as possible.

Factors against disclosure

Although historic, providing the address / location of where these services were provided and the number of officers contracted, specifically those which are not intelligence led, would reveal operational tactics and patterns of deployment for future similar events. This would hinder the Force's ability to uphold the core principle of the prevention and detection of crime. Disclosing this information would assist criminals, or those with criminal intent, as they will be able to use this information to their advantage to commit criminal acts or evade capture. This will put the public at a greater risk and result in trust in the Force diminishing.

Balance test

Whilst there is a public interest in transparency and openness between the Force and the public, in addition to the public seeing how the Force are engaging with the threat from criminals, there is a stronger interest in ensuring the public are protected from the threat of criminals, and that the enforcement of the law and the prevention and detection of crime is upheld. To disclose information which is likely to assist offenders would seriously undermine the effective delivery of operational law enforcement, and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

Individual / organisation services were provided to	Nature of event	Amount paid for services	Duration of contract / agreement	Nature of duties for officers
2019/20				
WORLD IN THE PARK LTD	Concerts	-44,429.00	5 Days	Public Order
THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	Sporting Event	-3,593.16	1 Day (4 - 8 Hours)	Public Order
THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	Sporting Event	-7,186.32	2 Days (4 - 8 Hours each)	Public Order
THE RAF CHARITABLE TRUST ENTERPRISES	Airshow	-41,757.18	3 Days	Public Order
Castle Combe Circuit Ltd	Sporting Event	-1,049.60	1 Day (4 - 8 Hours)	Public Order
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,338.64	4 hours	Traffic Management
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,596.96	4 hours	Traffic Management
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,596.96	4 hours	Traffic Management
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-2,794.68	7 hours	Traffic Management
RG Maidment Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,596.96	4 hours	Traffic Management
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,338.64	4 hours	Traffic Management
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
KINGS HEAVY HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-4,442.90	11 hours	Traffic Management
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-8,078.00	5 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-4,846.80	3 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-4,846.80	3 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
KINGS HEAVY HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-2,423.40	6 hours	Traffic Management
Hoban Low Loaders	Ab-Load	-1,353.20	4 hours	Traffic Management
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-4,846.80	3 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Lymers Assist	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-4,846.80	3 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-4,846.80	3 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,353.20	4 hours	Traffic Management

J B RAWCLIFFE & SONS LTD	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
C&C Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
C&C Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-4,039.00	2 Days (4 - 8 Hours each)	Traffic Management
John Brindley Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,615.60	4 hours	Traffic Management
2020/21 (no other 'events' due to Covid restrictions)				
Finnie Heavy Haulage	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
B W Machinery Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,452.16	4 hours	Traffic Management
ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-2,165.60	5 hours	Traffic Management
ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-2,598.72	6 hours	Traffic Management
Finnie Heavy Haulage	Ab-Load	-2,165.60	5 hours	Traffic Management
ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-2,165.60	5 hours	Traffic Management
Ainscough Crane Hire Ltd	Ab-Load	-891.52	4 hours	Traffic Management
R Swain and Sons Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
WWL ALS UK International Ltd	Ab-Load	-2,598.72	6 hours	Traffic Management
KINGS HEAVY HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,815.20	5 hours	Traffic Management
ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-3,993.44	11 hours	Traffic Management
ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-23,873.28	7 days (4 - 11 hours)	Traffic Management
B W Machinery Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,452.16	4 hours	Traffic Management
DAVID MOULAND HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-1,171.84	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-15,592.32	9 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
A AND S PLANT SERVICES LTD	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
BOXHILL CARAVANS	Ab-Load	-1,171.84	4 hours	Traffic Management
BUGLAR TRANSPORT LTD	Ab-Load	-1,171.84	4 hours	Traffic Management
TITUS NEWSOME LTD	Ab-Load	-1,815.20	5 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-10,394.88	6 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-6,929.92	4 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
KINGS HEAVY HAULAGE LTD	Ab-Load	-3,031.84	7 hours	Traffic Management
C J Clothier Transport	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
HELLARD HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-2,815.28	6.5 hours	Traffic Management

R L Taylor Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,452.16	4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-17,324.80	10 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-6,929.92	4 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-3,464.96	2 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-6,929.92	4 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
2021/22 (no other 'events' due to Covid restrictions)				
BBC STUDIOS PRODUCTIONS LTD	Filming	-1,215.00	1 Day (4 - 8 Hours)	Public Order
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-19,744.56	11 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
CHARLES RUSSELL TRANSPORT (UK) LTD	Ab-Load	-1,794.96	4 hours	Traffic Management
WALKER AND SON HAULIERS LTD	Ab-Load	-1,794.96	4 hours	Traffic Management
WALTERS PLANT HIRE LTD	Ab-Load	-2,243.70	5 hours	Traffic Management
Gilders Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-7,179.84	4 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-3,589.92	8 hours	Traffic Management
ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	Ab-Load	-2,598.72	6 hours	Traffic Management
D and R Services	Ab-Load	-1,732.48	4 hours	Traffic Management
ALLELYS HEAVY HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-1,794.96	4 hours	Traffic Management
Mammoet UK ltd	Ab-Load	-12,115.98	6 days (4 - 6 hours)	Traffic Management
ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	Ab-Load	-2,692.44	6 hours	Traffic Management
SMITHS MECHANICAL SERVICES	Ab-Load	-1,794.96	4 hours	Traffic Management
WALTERS PLANT HIRE LTD	Ab-Load	-2,243.70	5 hours	Traffic Management
Lawsons Haulage Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,794.96	4 hours	Traffic Management
2022/23				
WORLD IN THE PARK LTD	Concerts	-43,019.68	5 days	Public Order
THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	Sporting Event	-2,983.14	1 Day (4 - 8 hours)	Public Order
THE RAF CHARITABLE TRUST ENTERPRISES	Airshow	-44,805.93	3 days	Public Order
THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	Sporting Event	-2,983.14	1 Day (4 - 8 hours)	Public Order
THE BIBURY CLUB LTD	Sporting Event	-2,983.14	1 Day (4 - 8 hours)	Public Order
SMITHS MECHANICAL SERVICES	Ab-Load	-6,355.18	2 days (6 -7 hours)	Traffic Management
Mammoet UK ltd	Ab-Load	-3,281.28	2 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	Ab-Load	-2,933.16	6 hours	Traffic Management
HELLARD HAULAGE	Ab-Load	-1,640.64	4 hours	Traffic Management
Mammoet UK ltd	Ab-Load	-4,921.92	3 x 4 hours	Traffic Management

Mammoet UK ltd	Ab-Load	-1,955.44	4 hours	Traffic Management
Mammoet UK ltd	Ab-Load	-3,281.28	2 x 4 hours	Traffic Management
Kaiser Heavy Transport Ltd	Ab-Load	-2,688.73	5.5 hours	Traffic Management
JOHN SOMERSCALES LTD	Ab-Load	-1,955.44	4 hours	Traffic Management
Briton Fabricators Ltd	Ab-Load	-1,640.64	4 hours	Traffic Management
ASCROFT TRANSPORT LTD	Ab-Load	-4,399.74	9 hours	Traffic Management
WALTERS PLANT HIRE LTD	Ab-Load	-2,810.95	5.75 hours	Traffic Management
Mammoet UK ltd	Ab-Load	-2,697.06	6 hours	Traffic Management
JARTS MT	Ab-Load	-2,022.08	4 x 2 hours	Traffic Management

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, 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.

Exemptions applied:

Section 31(1)(a)(b) – Law Enforcement

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,

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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 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

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

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