



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
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Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 17th February 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/143

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26th January 2023 concerning gambling incidents.

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 and our Custody department – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. Does screening for gambling disorder take place among detainees in any part of your force? If yes:

- a) Which detainees are being screened?
- b) What are the triggers for a gambling screening?
- c) Who does the screening and where?
- d) What screening tools are used?
- e) What pathways are in place if gambling problems are identified?

2. How many incidents attended during the period 1 January 2021 through to 31 December 2022 recorded the following key words – gambling, betting or casino?
Please provide for each incident:

- a) The month/year the incident occurred
- b) Alleged offence/reason for police attendance
- c) Gender
- d) Race
- e) Age
- f) Outcome of the incident (e.g. charge and summons, caution, community resolution)

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3. How many crimes recorded during the period 1 January 2021 through to 31 December 2022 recorded the key word 'gambling'? Please provide for each instance:

- g) The month and year the crime occurred
- h) Alleged offence/reason for police attendance
- i) Suspect/offender's gender
- j) Suspect/offender's race
- k) Suspect/offender's age
- l) Outcome (e.g. charge and summons, caution, community resolution)

The following clarification was received on 27th January 2023:

Further to my FoI request, this is based on a similar request that was put in by the Howard League. When it came to categorising offences they used the following codes. If you could do the same in any response to me that would be helpful. The codes they use don't correlate I suspect to the Home Office counting rules (A; AA etc) but I assume the categories (violence against the person etc) do.

From their report

https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhowardleague.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F06%2FPolice-awareness-and-practice-report-FINAL.pdf%3Futm_source%3Dpocket_saves&data=05%7C01%7CKay.Moore%40wiltshire.police.uk%7C699be989f9874e4afef008db007a98d3%7C4e5729cf852d4510921251157ca27e3e%7C0%7C0%7C638104298764810472%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliCjB1Iklk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZvjPOra%2BH5fxIJMGMMHW58iQGwrV5WFepY3sif2Jyqw%3D&reserved=0

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The following codes and offence categories were used: A- Violence against the person; AA- Violence without injury; AB- Violence with injury; AC- Death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving; AD- Homicide; AE- Stalking and harassment; B- Possession of weapons; C- Sexual offences; CA- Other sexual offences; CB- Rape; D- Robbery; E- Burglary; EA- Burglary residential; EB- Burglary business and community; F- Theft; F1- Other theft; F2- Theft from the person; F3- Bicycle theft; F4- Shoplifting; G- Fraud; H- Arson and criminal damage; HA-Arson; HB- Criminal damage; I- Drugs offences; IA- Trafficking of drugs; IB- Possession of drugs; J-Public order; K- Miscellaneous crimes against society; L- Vehicle offences; NA- Not known

Our response:

1. No information held. However, if it became clear that someone needed help for such an issue whilst in custody, we would do our best to assist via the LADS peer support service.
2. Please note, that the following data provided below has been acquired through carrying out a 'wildcard' search, as requested, on the following key words: "gambling" "betting" and "casino". Please be aware that wildcard searches bring back both unreliable and inaccurate data, as they are only able to search within the summary of a report and no further (such as the call log, the crime report, statements etc). So, please bear in mind that there could be other occurrences including mention of these words that have not been included in the figures below.

Number of incidents: 7

a.)

Reported Month Year	Gambling	Betting	Casino
Jan-2021	1	0	0
Jul-2021	1	0	0
Aug-2021	0	1	0
Dec-2021	1	0	0
Jan-2022	1	0	0
Apr-2022	1	0	0
Oct-2022	0	1	0

b.) None stated X4

Stalking without fear/alarm/distress

Drunk and disorderly in a public place

Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter

c.) Male X7 (please note, person characteristics refer to suspect/offender/arrested)

d.) W1. British X6

NS. Not stated

e.) 26 X2

27 X2

30

45

34

f.) NZ other incident non crime X5

Cancelled/transferred X2

3. Please note, that the following data provided below has been acquired through carrying out a 'wildcard' search, as requested, on the following key word: "gambling". As per my comment above, please be aware that wildcard searches bring back both unreliable and inaccurate data, as they are only able to search within the summary of a report and no further.

Number of crimes: 2

g.)

Reported Month Year	Gambling
Mar-2021	1
Nov-2022	1

h.) Theft other
Threats to kill

i.) Male X2

j.) NULL X2

k.) 69
42

l.) 16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
New

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.

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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:

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