

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 24th February 2023

Our Ref FOI 2023-157

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30th January 2023, concerning cases of alleged sexual / DV offences involving members of the Force.

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 Professional Standards Department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote and our response:

1. How many cases of alleged sexual offences or domestic violence involving your forces police officers and other staff are currently under live investigation?

Sexual Offences – 0

Domestic Violence – 2

2. How many of your forces police officers and other staff are currently under live investigation for alleged sexual offences or domestic violence?

This question appears to be asking for the same information as Q1. Please refer to Q1 response.

3. How many of your forces police officers and police staff have been sacked over the past five financial years (2023/2022, 2022/2021, 2021/2020, 2020/2019, 2019/2018) for misconduct related to sexual or domestic abuse?

5 officers and 2 members of police staff have been dismissed for sexual misconduct.

No officers or staff have been dismissed for domestic abuse.

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For context:

On 16th January 2023, it was reported that the Metropolitan Police announced that a total of 1,633 cases of alleged sexual offences or domestic violence involving 1,071 officers and other staff are being assessed.

On 18th January 2023, the Met released a clarification. They said 'assessed' in this context meant a review of already completed cases from previous years, and these cases were not live ongoing investigations. The full clarification is explained in this

link: <https://news.met.police.uk/news/clarification-on-our-review-of-previously-completed-misconduct-cases-460483>

Is your force currently carrying out a review of completed cases of alleged sexual offences or domestic violence involving officers and other staff?

No

If yes, what number of cases of alleged sexual offences or domestic violence involving what number of your police force's officers and police staff is your police force currently reviewing?

N/A

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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