



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 28th February 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/252

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd February 2023 concerning reports mentioning "Buckfast Tonic Wine".

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 – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- The number of crime reports Buckfast Tonic Wine was mentioned in between 16 Feb 2020-16 Feb 2023 in your area.
- Please specify how many were violent crimes and how many alcohol-related crimes there during this time frame were overall.

As per my Section 16 duty to provide advice and guidance where possible, I contacted you to advise that wildcard searches cannot be carried out within crime reports as a wildcard search can only search for keywords within the summary of the report and no further. As a result, you agreed that you would be happy for your request to be processed as **"the number of summaries..."** containing the requested keywords above, as opposed to requesting "the number of crime reports..."

Our response:

No information held.

A wildcard search has been carried out on the term "Buckfast Tonic Wine" and no positive results were brought back from this search. As mentioned to you over email, wildcard searches always come with the caveat that they are notoriously unreliable, and this is because a wildcard search only searches for keywords within the summary of a report and no further. Due to this, there could well be reports that contain mention of this term that

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might be stated within crime report itself, call log and/or statements for example, that this wildcard search would not have otherwise picked up. Also, if this term is spelt differently within the summary of an occurrence or is mis-spelt in any way, then the wildcard search again, would not pick this information up. Without manually trawling through each crime report there is for the time frame requested to see if we hold this information, we would be unable to obtain this information accurately for you.

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:

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