

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via email



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Date 21/03/2023

Our ref **FOI 2023/289**

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/03/2023 concerning sudden deaths.

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 Team at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

Please can you kindly provide the following information in spreadsheet format if possible:

The number of logs created for Sudden Deaths(*) broken down by month for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 so far.

(*) - where by somebody has died suddenly and unexpectedly and the police are asked to attend, you may call it something different to "sudden death", INCLUDING sudden deaths due to Covid (you may separate these out but this is not necessary)

Response

Please see the table below:

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Month Year	Count(ISR_NO)
Jan-2019	119
Feb-2019	100
Mar-2019	93
Apr-2019	95
May-2019	73
Jun-2019	84
Jul-2019	70
Aug-2019	82
Sep-2019	66
Oct-2019	101
Nov-2019	102
Dec-2019	114
Jan-2020	94
Feb-2020	93
Mar-2020	116
Apr-2020	140
May-2020	113
Jun-2020	80
Jul-2020	86
Aug-2020	98
Sep-2020	92
Oct-2020	99
Nov-2020	97
Dec-2020	115
Jan-2021	121
Feb-2021	110
Mar-2021	102
Apr-2021	96
May-2021	74
Jun-2021	84
Jul-2021	88
Aug-2021	92
Sep-2021	108
Oct-2021	121
Nov-2021	117
Dec-2021	111
Jan-2022	112
Feb-2022	102
Mar-2022	110
Apr-2022	100
May-2022	103
Jun-2022	84
Jul-2022	107
Aug-2022	106
Sep-2022	100
Oct-2022	101
Nov-2022	94

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Dec-2022	176
Jan-2023	111
Feb-2023	128

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.

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.

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

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