

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 2nd May 2023

Our Ref FOI 2023-397

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 4th April 2023, concerning drug offences (including by foreign nationals).

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 department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote

For the calendar years 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 – can you please tell me:

1. How many arrests were made by your force for drugs possession? (not intent to supply, possession only). How many arrests were foreign nationals - and can you list the nationalities?
1a. What age was the youngest person arrested for possession?
2. How many were charged in relation to question 1?
3. How many arrests were made by your force for being in possession of drugs with intent to supply? How many arrests were foreign nationals - and can you list the nationalities?
4. What age was the youngest person arrested for being in possession with intent to supply? 4a. How many were charges in relation to question 4?

Clarification sought 25.04.2023 - **clarification received 27.04.2023**

In relation to question 4, I just wanted to clarify if this wording is correct, as question 4 asks for the youngest person arrested but question 4a relates to the number of charges. The way I am reading this, question 4a does not seem to follow on from question 4.

I was just wondering whether the wording was supposed to have followed that of question 1 and question 2 (1: arrests / foreign national arrests - 1a: age of the youngest person - 2: number of

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charges)? I am only asking as I may need to go back to the assisting department based on your response.

Thanks for your email. Can I please clarify question 4? Yes I have made an error in the wording.

It should follow on from question 3- where I have asked for arrests for drugs possession with intent to supply – can I please have the numbers charged for those years stated?

Our response:

Please note: An individual can be arrested and charged for more than one event or more than one occasion.

For the calendar years 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 – can you please tell me:

1. How many arrests were made by your force for drugs possession? (not intent to supply, possession only). How many arrests were foreign nationals - and can you list the nationalities?

Arrest Year	Arrests
2018	441
2019	496
2020	539
2021	425
2022	499

Nationality	Arrest Year				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Afghanistan		2			
Albania		2	5	1	5
Algeria				1	1
Angola		1			
Argentina					1
Australia		1			
Bangladesh			1		2
Barbados				1	2
Belgium	1				
Brazil	2	2	1	3	2
Bulgaria		1			2
Congo	2				
Congo, The D.R. of				1	
El Salvador					1
Eritrea			1		1
Fiji				1	
France	1				
Germany			1	1	
Ghana	1		1		2
Greece					1
Hong Kong			1		
India	1	1	1		1
Iran, Islamic republic of	1				
Iraq			1	1	2

Ireland	4		2	2	
Italy			1	1	1
Jamaica	4	1		1	3
Kuwait		1			
Latvia		1	1		
Liberia					1
Lithuania	1	2		1	1
Morocco			1		
Nepal		1	1		
Pakistan			3		1
Poland	7	8	16	15	10
Portugal	3		3	4	4
Romania	3	1	10	5	3
Saint Helena		1			
Saint Kitts and Nevis			1		
Saint Lucia					1
Slovakia	1				
Somalia		1			1
South Africa		2		2	
Spain		1			1
Sri Lanka			1		
Sudan				1	1
Tanzania, United Republic of					1
Thailand		1			
Trinidad and Tobago					1
Turkey	1			1	
United States of America	1		1		
Viet Nam	1				1
West Indies	1				
Zimbabwe	2	1	2		

a. What age was the youngest person arrested for possession?

2018 - 14

2019 - 14

2020 - 14

2021 - 13

2022 - 13

2. How many were charged in relation to question 1?

Arrest Year	Charged
2018	112
2019	135
2020	115
2021	98
2022	123

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3. How many arrests were made by your force for being in possession of drugs with intent to supply? How many arrests were foreign nationals - and can you list the nationalities?

Arrest Year	Arrests
2018	227
2019	264
2020	310
2021	226
2022	173

Nationality	Arrest Year				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Afghanistan		1	1		
Albania	2	7	3	1	8
Algeria			1		
Brazil	1		2	2	2
Bulgaria		1		1	
Burundi	1				
Canada	1				
Côte d'Ivoire	1				
Czech Republic					1
Fiji				1	
Finland					1
France	1				
Germany			1		
Greece					1
Grenada		1			
Guinea	1				
Hungary		1			
India	1		2		2
Iran, Islamic republic of		2		1	
Iraq					1
Ireland	1	1	1	1	
Italy		2	1		
Jamaica	1			1	
Kenya	2	1			
Kuwait			1		
Latvia			1		
Netherlands			1		1
Nigeria		1			
NULL		2			
Other	1				
Pakistan			1		
Poland	1	6	3	6	10
Portugal	2	3	3		2
Romania			9	1	4
Saudi Arabia					1
Slovakia			2		
Somalia		2	2		

South Africa		1	3	1	
Sudan		1			
Thailand		1			
Turkey			1		2
United Arab Emirates			1		
United States of America				1	1
Zimbabwe	1		2		

a. What age was the youngest person arrested for being in possession with intent to supply?

2018 - 13

2019 - 14

2020 - 14

2021 - 15

2022 - 13

4. How many were charged in relation to question 4?

Arrest Year	Charged
2018	25
2019	25
2020	24
2021	20
2022	16

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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