

# WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



## Police Headquarters

London Road

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Wiltshire

SN10 2DN

[disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk)

Date 05/05/2023

Our ref **FOI 2023/473**

Reply contact name is:

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 24/04/2023, concerning callouts and crimes recorded in relation to rape and domestic abuse and budgets allocated to these.

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, searches were conducted with business intelligence and finance teams of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote:

1. What percentage of crimes reported to your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were domestic-abuse? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.
2. What percentage of crimes reported to your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were rape? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.
3. What percentage of callouts made by your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were for domestic abuse? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.
4. What percentage of callouts made by your force between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 were for rape? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have

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information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.

5. What percentage of your budget between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 went on domestic abuse? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.
6. What percentage of your budget between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023 went on rape? Please provide the raw numbers if possible. If you do not have information that up-to-date, please provide for the first three quarters of the specified period.

#### **Response:**

**6 April 2022 and 5  
April 2023**

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Crimes</b> | <b>44140</b> |
| <b>DA</b>     | <b>7533</b>  |
| <b>Rape</b>   | <b>614</b>   |

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Calls</b> | <b>124172</b> |
| <b>DA</b>    | <b>9076</b>   |
| <b>Rape</b>  | <b>343</b>    |

**Wiltshire police are unable to break down the budgets to such an exact level. It is possible that we could provide the whole of the public protection (PPD) budget, but the figures would not be specific enough to answer these questions.**

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.

### **Force Disclosure Unit**

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN  
Telephone 101 ext 62005



## **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](mailto: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:

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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](mailto: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/>**