

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 30th June 2023

Our Ref FOI 2023-564

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd May 2023 concerning modern slavery offences.

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:

Please could I request the following information about the number of offences recorded under the Modern Slavery Act from **26 March 2015 to 26 March 2023**.

- How many offences were recorded that fall under the Modern Slavery Act 2015? Could you please break these down by section.
- Of these offences, how many went to court?
- Of the offences that went to court, what were the outcomes? E.g. no charges were brought, a conviction was secured, etc.

I have included [a list of the offences](#) under the 2015 Act:

- Section 1 - Slavery, Servitude, Forced and Compulsory Behaviour
- Section 2 - Arranging or facilitating the travel of another person with a view to exploitation
- Section 4 - Committing an offence with intent to commit an offence under section 2 of the Act

Our response:

Please note: There were no offences recorded relating to Section 4 - Committing an offence with intent to commit an offence under section 2 of the Act.

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Please could I request the following information about the number of offences recorded under the Modern Slavery Act from **26 March 2015 to 26 March 2023**.

- How many offences were recorded that fall under the Modern Slavery Act 2015?* Could you please break these down by section.

Section 1 - Slavery, Servitude, Forced and Compulsory Behaviour : 280

Section 2 - Arranging or facilitating the travel of another person with a view to exploitation : 87

- Of these offences, how many went to court?

Section 1 - Slavery, Servitude, Forced and Compulsory Behaviour : 7

Section 2 - Arranging or facilitating the travel of another person with a view to exploitation : 10

- Of the offences that went to court, what were the outcomes? E.g. no charges were brought, a conviction was secured, etc.

Wiltshire Police do not hold conviction data. You will need to contact the Courts directly regarding this.

Wiltshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information with regard to an exempt body as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption : Section 23(5) - Information supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case. No inference should be taken as to whether any other information that would meet your request does or does not exist.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, 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.

Exemptions applied:

Section 23(5) - Information Supplied by, or concerning certain Security Bodies

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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