



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 22nd June 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/568

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24th May 2023 concerning abuse of position for sexual purpose by Police staff and reports of sexual corruption.

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 and our Professional Standards Department – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote & our response:

I am writing to request information (under the Freedom of Information Act 2000) regarding the abuse of position for sexual purpose by police staff and reports of sexual corruption made outside of the police service.

Regarding the first half of my request, I am aware that there are annual statistics about police complaints published by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC), which have included the abuse of position for sexual purpose since 2020, but I am requesting disaggregated data and data prior to 2020.

1. Please provide the annual number of complaints regarding the abuse of position for sexual purpose received by your police service since 2013.

[We do not have any data on our systems relating to Abuse of Position for a Sexual Purpose prior to 2020.](#)

2. For each of these complaints, I would like to know the gender, immigration status, and country of origin of the complainant.

[N/A.](#)

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3. For each complaint I would like to know whether it led to disciplinary action, and if so, what the outcome was (eg. officer dismissed).

N/A.

The second half of my request is regarding reports of crimes, rather than complaints about police staff.

4. Please provide the annual number of crimes regarding sexual corruption (for instance, an employer demanding sex for a promotion, a teacher demanding sex for higher grades) which were reported to your police service since 2013.

The crime reports that fall under the offence descriptions associated with sexual corruption have been manually read by our Performance Team and we can confirm that there are no reported crimes which are similar to the examples given above, e.g.: demanding sex for a promotion or a teacher demanding sex for higher grades.

5. For each of these crimes, I would like to know the gender, immigration status, and country of origin of the victim.

N/A.

6. For each crime report, I would like to know whether someone was charged and the outcome of the proceedings.

N/A.

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