

WILTSHIRE POLICE

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Date: August 11, 2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/598

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th June 2023 concerning breathalyser tests.

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 Serious Collision Investigation Team at Wiltshire Police.

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

You Wrote:

The total number of motorists of all categories – cars, vans, lorries, motorbikes and other – that were stopped by police in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (year to date) and asked to undergo a breathalyser test for alcohol. If possible, please break down by gender and time of day.

The total number of motorists of all categories – cars, vans, lorries, motorbikes and other – that were stopped by police in 2022 and 2021, asked to undergo an alcohol breathalyser test and failed the test. If possible, please break down by gender and time of day.

The total number of motorists of all categories – cars, vans, lorries, motorbikes and other – that were stopped by police in 2022, 2021 and 2023 (year to date) and charged for failing an alcohol breathalyser test, If possible, please break down by gender and time of day.

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Response:

Please note that I have been advised by the relevant department that some of the information (such as time of day) is not retrievable in an easy format, however I have provided what has been gatherable. This is due to the data being needed to be manually abstracted (rather than being able to automatically gather this information).

Question One (Tests)

2021

Total Tests	3367
Fail roadside test	881
Male	775
Female	106

2022

Total Tests	3152
Fail roadside test	548
Male	468
Female	81

2023 (up to 06/23)

Total Tests	3234
Fail roadside test	534
Male	434
Female	100

Questions Two and Three (Custody Arrests (Alcohol))

2021

Total Arrests	556
Total NFA (No Further Action)	125
Male	448
Female	108

2022

Total Arrests	601
Total NFA (No Further Action)	143
Male	508
Female	93

2023

Total Arrests	315
Total NFA (No Further Action)	60
Male	271
Female	44

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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,

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

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SK9 5AF
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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/>