



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
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Wiltshire
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Date: 13th July 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/637

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th June 2023 concerning missing sex offenders.

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 ViSOR – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I understand that police forces play a vital role in monitoring and managing registered sex offenders to ensure public safety. Therefore, I kindly request the following information for the period of the last five years:

- The total number of registered sex offenders within your jurisdiction.
- The number of registered sex offenders whose whereabouts are currently unknown.
- Any available details regarding the crimes committed by the missing registered sex offenders, including but not limited to cases of rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of children.

Our response:

The total number of registered sex offenders within your jurisdiction.

We have this status recorded by month (these are RSOs in the community, 'in our management/jurisdiction')

	Average (rounded up)	Highest month	Lowest month
2018	659	671	650
2019	678	693	672
2020	705	716	690
2021	734	750	712
2022	747	753	741

Current total – on 30/06/2023 = 782

The number of registered sex offenders whose whereabouts are currently unknown.

In relation to the number of registered sexual offenders whose whereabouts are unknown, Wiltshire Police has as of the date of your request 6 RSOs currently recorded as wanted because their whereabouts are unknown. This total is only valid for the date in question because the information is dynamic and will change as arrests are made or new cases come to light through proactive intelligence led policing or routine visits to registered offenders.

Fro previous years, we have this status recorded by month and it therefore fluctuates due to the start time of a period of being missing/wanted, being found, or their period on the register ending.

- 2018 5-7
- 2019 6-8
- 2020 6-7
- 2021 6-7
- 2022 5-8

Any available details regarding the crimes committed by the missing registered sex offenders, including but not limited to cases of rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of children.

- Rape female
- Rape female U16
- Assault female by penetration
- Cause female with mental disorder to engage in sexual acts-penetration
- Sexual assault female U16-no penetration
- Sexual activity female U16-no penetration
- Meet female U16 after grooming

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