

# WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX  
By email

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

**Date** 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Our Ref** FOI 2023-788

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023, concerning ethnicity breakdowns of 1824 Vagrancy Act.

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 can you inform me of the number of:

- A) Arrests
- B) Convictions
- C) Fines
- D) Conditional charges
- E) Custody/ custodies

your police force has carried out in enforcing the Vagrancy Act of 1824, each broken down by ethnicity, over the last five calendar years (2018-2022). Please provide this in a spreadsheet if possible.

**Our response:**

**Please note:** Wiltshire Police do not hold information on conviction data. For this, you will need to contact the Courts directly.

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| ARRESTS                        |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 2018                           |           |
| W1. British                    | 4         |
| 2019                           |           |
| W1. British                    | 1         |
| W9. Any other white background | 1         |
| 2020                           |           |
| A9. Any other Asian background | 1         |
| B1. Caribbean                  | 1         |
| Not stated                     | 1         |
| W1. British                    | 2         |
| W9. Any other white background | 1         |
| 2021                           |           |
| W1. British                    | 8         |
| 2022                           |           |
| W1. British                    | 1         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>             | <b>21</b> |

| CHARGED IN CUSTODY                                                     |      |      |      |      |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Offence / Ethnicity                                                    | Year |      |      |      | Grand Total |
|                                                                        | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |             |
| Begging in a public place - second or subsequent occasion (recordable) |      |      |      |      |             |
| W9. Any other white background                                         |      | 1    |      |      | 1           |
| Burglary dwelling - with intent to steal (recordable)                  |      |      |      |      |             |
| W1. British                                                            |      |      |      | 1    | 1           |
| W9. Any other white background                                         |      |      | 1    |      | 1           |
| Common assault of an emergency worker (recordable)                     |      |      |      |      |             |
| W1. British                                                            |      |      | 1    |      | 1           |
| Drive a motor vehicle dangerously (recordable)                         |      |      |      |      |             |
| W1. British                                                            | 1    |      |      |      | 1           |
| Possess cannabis a class B controlled drug NEW                         |      |      |      |      |             |
| W1. British                                                            |      |      |      | 1    | 1           |
| Grand Total                                                            | 1    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 6           |

| DETECTION STATUS                                                        |      |      |      |      |      |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Detection Status / Ethnicity                                            | Year |      |      |      |      | Grand Total |
|                                                                         | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |             |
| W1. British                                                             |      |      |      |      |      |             |
| 1: Charged                                                              |      |      | 1    |      |      | 1           |
| 1A: Alternate offence charged                                           | 1    |      |      | 1    |      | 2           |
| Cancelled/transferred                                                   |      |      |      | 1    |      | 1           |
| Custody ADULT CAUTION                                                   |      |      |      |      | 1    | 1           |
| W9. Any other white background                                          |      |      |      |      |      |             |
| 15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties |      |      | 1    |      |      | 1           |
| NZ other incident non crime                                             |      | 1    |      |      |      | 1           |
| Grand Total                                                             | 1    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 7           |

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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,

Abigail Standidge

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



### **Force Disclosure Unit**

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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](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:

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 to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>**

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