



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
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Date: 24th August 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/824

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17th August 2023 concerning Custody.

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 – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am seeking up-to-date information about the proportion of police detentions/interviews of suspects and voluntary interviews in which an appropriate adult was provided and for whom legal advice was requested and obtained as recorded by officers for both adults and juveniles.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following data for your force area, for each year for the years ending 9 March 2021, 2022 and 2023:

In relation to everyone (adults and juveniles), please could you indicate the total number of (1) authorised detentions (2) interviews under arrest and (3) voluntary Interviews.

Then for these (a) a pre-interview Risk Assessment was conducted, (b) an appropriate adult was provided, (c) legal advice was requested and (d) legal advice was provided. (1) authorised detentions (2) interviews under arrest and (3) voluntary Interviews, (4) the number where information has not been routinely collected.

Then for juveniles only and their (1) authorised detentions (2) interviews under arrest and (3) voluntary interviews, (4) the number where information has not been routinely collected. (a) an appropriate adult was provided, (b) legal advice was requested and (c) legal advice was provided.

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If this data is not held (or cannot be compiled within the cost limits) for the requested period, please provide any relevant data for the most recent possible period.

If this data is not held (or cannot be compiled within the cost limits) for any period, I would be grateful for any information by way of explanation (e.g. no records of voluntary interviews are held; the requirement for an appropriate adult is not systematically stored in custody information systems).

Our response:

Custody detentions			
Fiscal Year	Appropriate adult		Grand Total
	N	Y	
2020-2021	6674	1113	7787
18 or over	6673	426	7099
Under 18	1	687	688
2021-2022	6581	951	7532
18 or over	6577	365	6942
Under 18	4	586	590
2022-2023	7258	1161	8419
18 or over	7256	425	7681
Under 18	2	736	738
Grand Total	20513	3225	23738

This data includes interviews under arrest and warrants (no interview is conducted) - this cannot be split out.

A pre risk assessment is always conducted- held in Custody log.

An appropriate adult is always present when required.

Information about legal advice would be contained in the Custody log.

Voluntary Attendance			
Fiscal Year	Voluntary Attendance U18	Voluntary Attendance Adult	Grand Total
2020-2021	134	1072	1206
2021-2022	145	836	981
2022-2023	250	968	1218
Grand Total	529	2876	3405

A pre risk assessment is always conducted- held in VA log

An appropriate adult is always present when required.

Information about legal advice would be contained in the VA log

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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,
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
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