

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 8th September 2023

Our Ref FOI 2023-727

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th July 2023, concerning geographical crime analysis and crime prevention. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

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 Improvement & Change department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote and our response:

I would like to submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 regarding your force's use of geographic crime analysis and crime prediction, and individual prediction and risk assessment.

Specifically I would like the following information:

1. In relation to your force's use of Qlik Sense for geographic crime and hotspot mapping, please provide the following information:
 - a. Whether the predictions from this models are currently being provided to officers for use in live decision-making?

[We do not have any Qlik Sense apps that are designed to make geographical predictions.](#)

- b. What data is being used to make the predictions (e.g crime reports, recorded crimes, stop and search data, postcodes data, socio-economic information, census data, or other demographic data such as ethnicity or nationality related to location)?

[N/A – see response to question 1a.](#)

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- c. What are the types of outcomes that can occur with the support of or following one of these predictions (e.g allocation of police resources, patrols, targeted interventions, operations, monitoring, stop and search, arrest)?

N/A – see response to question 1a.

- d. Copies of Equality Impact Assessments and Data Protection Impact Assessments, redacted to remove sensitive details if necessary.

The information you are requesting is exempt by virtue of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information accessible to applicant by other means.

The following link will direct you to the redacted DPIA for Qlik Sense, which has previously been disclosed under FOIA - [foi-2022-707 predictive-mapping-systems qlik-sense-dpia redacted.pdf \(wiltshire.police.uk\)](#). This is the current DPIA for Qlik Sense, although it is currently under review (no estimated timeframe of when this will be completed).

- 2. In relation to your use of Qlik sense for automated risk assessments of people accused and/or suspected of committing crime, please provide the following information:

- a. Whether the predictions from this models are currently being given to officers for use in live decision-making?

Qlik Sense is not used to make automated risk assessments; however, harm assessments are used although Qlik Sense does not use these to make predictions.

Neither of the harm assessments used (ONS Harm scores and the Cambridge Harm Index) contain any predictive algorithms. They only use data relating to relevant occurrences based on the person's role within those occurrences.

- b. If any data other than data on criminal convictions is used to make the predictions, and if so, what is that (e.g crime reports, arrests, first contact with police, number of contacts with police, number of reports, ethnicity, nationality, demographic data or other types of data)?

N/A – see response to question 2a.

- c. The types of outcomes that can occur with the support of one of these predictions (e.g monitoring, intervention, stop and search, arrest, probation or licence conditions)?

N/A – see response to question 2a.

- d. If available in an easily retrievable format, how many people have been assessed by the model to date.

N/A – see response to question 2a.

- e. If available in an easily retrievable format, the number of different risk scores that have been applied (e.g low, low medium, medium, high).

N/A – see response to question 2a.

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Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 21 - Information Accessible to the Applicant by Other Means

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a partial Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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,

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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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
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 to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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