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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 19th September 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 833

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th August 2023 concerning Vehicle Window Tints.

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 – having consulted our Policy & Traffic Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

Please kindly provide the following:

1 - Copy of any Wiltshire Police policy on window tint, it's measurement on vehicles and the enforcement of the legislation.

No information Held – see note below.

2 - Copy of any training material provided to officers trained to use window tint measurement devices. To include the preparation, measurement and after procedures.

No Information Held – see note below.



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3 - Copy of any Wiltshire Police policy on dealing with offences such “driving a vehicle in a dangerous condition” cover under both the Road Traffic Act and Construction and Use Regulations.

No Information Held – see note below.

4 - Copy of any Wiltshire Police policy on the issuing of PG9s/prohibition of vehicles

No Information Held – see note below.

Please Note

There is no obligation on an Authority to provide an explanation as to why a No Information Held response is provided to any question.

However, under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, I am happy to provide the following context to you.

In respect of Questions 1, 3 and 4

Wiltshire Police do not hold any current formal policies in respect of the items asked. Currently, we use the guidance from the Categorisation Book of Defects created by the DVSA. This document is freely available on-line.

In respect of Question 2

Wiltshire Police currently use the Inspector II hand-held device from Laser Labs in order to check suspect window tints on vehicles.

Whilst we do not hold any formal training materials for Officers, the use of these devices is strictly in accordance with the manufacturers’ guidelines – which again, are freely available on line.

Pre and post-use confidence checks are undertaken on an approved certified test glass.

Each hand-held device used by the Force is calibrated in house on an annual basis.

The current Government guidance around permissible window tints can be found at the following website :-

[Tinted vehicle windows: the law - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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,

Nick Penny
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.pnn.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.

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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