



Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
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Date: 25th September 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/868

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31st August 2023 concerning new recruits and number of arrests.

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:

1(a) Number of FTE police officers employed by your police force in the 12 months to June 2023

1(b) The number of FTE police officers employed by your police force in the 12 months to June 2023 who made zero arrests during that period.

1(c) The average number of arrests by FTE police officers employed by your police force in the 12 months to June 202

1(d) The number of officers in the force who would be in a position to effect an arrest?

2. How many officers have been recruited under the officer uplift pledge?

3. Does your police force have a dedicated burglary team?

Our response:

Question 1

- a) 1451.003 FTE officers employed between July 22 - June 2023
- b) 468.98 FTE officers who made zero arrests July 22 - June 23
- c) The average number of arrests by FTE officers between July 22 - June 23 is 8.42 arrests
- d) All officers are able to make an arrest, but there are some roles which are not front line Policing or operational. Therefore some officers would not be in a suitable role to make arrests in their current position, for example, the staff office and Chief Officer group.

Please note -

All officers have the power to make an arrest, however due to their roles, some do not make arrests. There are also restricted and recuperative duties which can mean officers are not, for a period of time, able to go out on front line. Also our new officers who are in training would not have the training to arrest. This data would also include officers that have been on maternity, secondment and career breaks.

Question 2

Fiscal Year	Number of officers recruits under the officer uplift pledge
20/21	135
21/22	135
22/23	161
23/24 (to end of August 23)	27

Question 3

Yes, Wiltshire Police has a dedicated burglary team.

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

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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 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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