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Reply contact name:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th September 2023 concerning residential burglaries and shoplifting.

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:

1. For the crime of residential burglary, how many crimes included a visit to the property which was reported to have been burgled. Please supply the data for 2018-2022 inclusive and the overall number of residential burglaries reported in each year. If you cannot supply all years, please provide those which you can within the time limit.
2. Please provide a monthly breakdown for the number of burglaries recorded in January to August 2023 and the number which received visits from police officers.
3. If you are unable to provide data for question 1 and 2, please provide an explanation on how you are measuring the NPCC's announcement on June 8th 2023 that all burglaries are now receiving a visit from a police officer [Link]
4. Please provide how many police officers attended a premise where shoplifting had been reported. Please supply the data for 2018-2022 inclusive and the overall number of shoplifting cases reported in each year. Please also provide a year to September figure for 2023.

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Response:

Burglaries

Reported Year	Crimes	Filed at source	Attended
2018	2069	526	1543
2019	1885	531	1354
2020	1238	368	870
2021	1099	270	829
2022	1234	161	1073

Reported Year	Crimes	Filed at source	Attended
Jan-2023	116	3	113
Feb-2023	99	6	93
Mar-2023	103	3	100
Apr-2023	50	0	50
May-2023	69	0	69
Jun-2023	43	0	43
Jul-2023	47	0	47
Aug-2023	40	0	40

Attended is any occurrence which has not been filed at first source. Filed at first source means no individual has attended the premises, however there will have been a desk investigation to determine if there is any opportunity for evidence to be collected eg CCTV/ doorbell camera etc prior to the closure decision being made.

Prior to April 2023 Residential burglary included thefts from sheds , garages and unconnected outbuildings. Once the NPCC pledge was made by all Forces to attend 100% of burglaries of a home , Burglary residential was split into 2 crime offences - Residential Burglary of a Home & Burglary of an unconnected building . Since April 2023, Wiltshire Police has delivered on the pledge to attend 100% of all reports relating to Residential Burglary of a Home. Further, Wiltshire Police's new Chief Catherine Roper has made Residential Burglary of a Home one of three priorities for the Force and has introduced a team dedicated to reducing volumes and increasing the FAT (Further action taken) outcome rate.

Shoplifting

Shoplifting – we are defining a new strategy for Shoplifting crime – often reports on shoplifting are called in after the perpetrator has left the shop. This is because staff don't wish to confront shoplifters and potentially provoke a violent response. We also see Shop owners not wishing to pursue charges, believing words of caution from the Police being enough to deter future shoplifting. We are having a week of action against shoplifting soon to kick off our new strategic plan to reduce shoplifting and increase FAT outcome rates.

Reported Year	Crimes	Filed at source	Attended
2018	4467	1400	3067
2019	4750	1896	2854
2020	2540	894	1646
2021	2586	1034	1552
2022	3262	1105	2157

Reported Year	Crimes	Filed at source	Attended
Jan-2023	339	120	219
Feb-2023	330	113	217
Mar-2023	411	148	263
Apr-2023	375	127	248
May-2023	411	151	260
Jun-2023	316	134	182
Jul-2023	469	221	248
Aug-2023	401	156	245

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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