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Date: October 23, 2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/999

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th October 2023 concerning vehicle seizures.

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 Vehicle Recovery Team at Wiltshire Police.

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

You Wrote:

The number of vehicles seized by the police in 2022

The number of seized vehicles that were returned to owners

The number of vehicles sold at auction or destroyed

The reasoning behind each of these seizures

Response:

2022	Number of Seizures	Number of seized vehicles returned to their owners	Seized and disposed in 2022	Number of destroyed vehicles (not all seized in 2022)	Number of vehicles sold at auction (not all seized in 2022)
January	274	205	52	31	7
February	249	180	54	40	8

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March	228	158	54	48	7
April	224	155	58	33	6
May	266	203	55	67	10
June	296	213	70	50	4
July	271	180	70	66	6
August	271	200	60	36	1
September	249	185	53	46	1
October	217	153	45	61	4
November	336	253	61	52	4
December	349	188	44	42	7

2022	Abandoned Vehicle	Breakdown	Burnout	Customs and excise seizure	DVLA FRV (No tax)	DVLA UK (no tax)	No insurance (DL Seizure)
January	6	8	Zero	Zero	Zero	7	61
February	3	11	3	Zero	Zero	19	59
March	8	8	3	Zero	1	6	69
April	6	6	1	Zero	Zero	6	76
May	9	9	1	Zero	Zero	11	81
June	4	11	Zero	1	1	23	74
July	10	9	2	Zero	Zero	11	69
August	7	16	7	Zero	Zero	15	70
September	10	13	4	zero	Zero	7	73
October	1	2	2	Zero	zero	3	69
November	3	5	3	Zero	Zero	5	101
December	7	18	2	Zero	Zero	3	60

2022	Obstruction / Danger	PACE	Police Reform Act (Section 59)	Prisoners Vehicle	RTC	RTC – Hybrid	RTC – Serious Injury / Fatal	Stolen
January	3	16	1	1	127	None	7	20
February	6	12	Zero	1	93	None	8	21
March	6	12	Zero	Zero	66	None	14	24
April	7	10	1	zero	80	1	13	9
May	9	15	Zero	Zero	103	1	6	14
June	4	19	zero	2	105	Zero	10	31
July	6	12	1	Zero	112	Zero	16	15
August	5	12	2	5	95	Zero	7	23
September	8	7	Zero	Zero	96	1	9	12
October	1	12	1	1	85	zero	8	19
November	7	16	Zero	zero	139	2	19	23
December	6	7	1	Zero	121	Zero	3	13

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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

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Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>