

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



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Date 29/11/2023

Our ref **FOI 2023/ 1094**

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/11/2023 concerning transit sites.

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 data protection office (for local agreements) and the force policy officer at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

- 1) Do you have any transit site provisions in your force area?
 - (a) Can you please confirm which local authority this falls under.
 - (b) Can you please provide contact details for the site manager.
- 2) Do you use Section 62a-e to direct unauthorised encampments to the transit site?
 - (a) Could we please have a copy of your protocol for this (if you have one).
- 3) Do you have any partnership agreements with any local authorities within your force area?
 - (a) If so, can you name which local authorities you have this with.
 - (b) Can we please have a copy of your partnership agreement.
- 4) What are the main issues you come across with the transit site?

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Response

The Force does not have any policy or protocol on Unauthorised Encampments. Generally we follow the  [NPCC Guidance Trespassing on Land Without Consent Unauthorised Encampments Operational Advice 2022.pdf](#). This covers the use, briefly, for section 62.

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

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.

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.

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

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