



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 9th November 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/1015

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19th October 2023 concerning single and double crewed units.

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 our Force Policy Officer, Learning & Development team and our Driver Training Unit – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Do you have any data or policies surrounding the crewing of officers in your force area? If so, do you have data surrounding crewing type and incident type?

Our response:

In terms of policies surrounding the crewing of units, Wiltshire Police does not have a written policy on the crewing of vehicles. As we understand it, the crewing of Police vehicles (single or double) is dependent on demand and staffing levels within each CPT. The only policy our Force Policy Officer is aware of that mentions single crewing is the Driving and Use of Police Vehicles Procedure, which states that in a pursuit situation where commentary is required, the driver will only give the commentary if they are single-crewed, or if their passenger is untrained.

From a learning and development perspective, our L&D team have advised that as far as they are aware, the Sergeant (or equivalent) would make any decisions on double-crewing.

Our Driver Training Unit have stated that they do not hold any data on the crewing of Police vehicles. However, they stated that in training of pursuits, that they do advise (similarly to our Force Policy Officer's advice above) that if the vehicle is double crewed and the

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passenger is trained, then they should do the comms. It will be for divisional supervisors to place their officers in vehicles, and I would suggest that this may be based on the availability of vehicles, experience of staff and local policies.

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.



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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
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk