



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
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Date: 3rd November 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/1050

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30th October 2023 concerning robberies and burglaries in the month of December.

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 Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. How many burglaries have been recorded in December of 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022?
2. How many robberies or thefts have been recorded in December 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022?
3. Of all of these recorded burglaries, robberies and thefts recorded in December 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, which ones currently remain unresolved?

Our response:

1. Please see the table below. Please note, that this data includes crimes and is correct as at 01/11/23.

Reported Month Year	All Other Theft Offences	Bicycle Theft	Burglary Business And Community	Burglary Residential	Robbery	Shoplifting	Theft From The Person
Dec-2019	327	55	80	152	26	275	33

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Dec-2020	191	23	57	108	22	177	17
Dec-2021	228	44	45	121	19	210	25
Dec-2022	252	34	61	75	20	255	34

2 & 3. Please see the table below. In relation to where you have requested for "unresolved" figures, please note that even if a report of a theft or robbery etc did not result in a charge, the case is still resolved. The only cases that are truly not resolved are those marked as "New", as these show the number of investigations that are still ongoing and have not yet been closed with an outcome.

Reported Month Year	Detection Status	Crime Sub-Group						
		All Other Theft Offences	Bicycle Theft	Burglary Business And Community	Burglary Residential	Robbery	Shoplifting	Theft From The Person
Dec-2019	Totals	316	51	75	141	24	190	30
	10: Police - formal action not in public interest	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	22	2	6	8	3	19	0
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	35	2	0	2	3	23	1
	17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	255	46	69	129	16	143	26
	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
	21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Cancelled/transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Crime related incident	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals	181	23	52	103	20	138	17
Dec-2020	11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1	0	0	0	5	0	0
	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	34	1	3	13	3	18	1
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	18	1	1	4	2	12	0
	17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	115	21	48	85	10	105	16
	21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	12	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Cancelled/transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec-2021	Totals	222	42	43	119	18	162	25
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	6	0	1	2	2	0	3
	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	0	0	5	0	2	2
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	24	1	3	7	2	16	1
	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	13	0	0	6	3	12	1
	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	169	41	39	98	11	129	18
	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	6	0	0	1	0	3	0
	Cancelled/transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec-2022	Totals	249	33	54	75	20	178	32
	10: Police - formal action not in public interest	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	4	1	2	1	0	5	0
	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	14	2	3	1	6	25	0

16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	32	0	1	3	6	19	1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	188	30	43	67	7	126	29
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cancelled/transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crime related incident	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
New	1	0	3	2	0	2	2

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
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SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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