

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 3rd November 2023

Our Ref FOI 2023-930

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25th September 2023 concerning perpetrators of indecent images of children. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request.

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:

Please can you send me

A breakdown by year of how many individuals in total were identified as a perpetrator in connection with an indecent image of a child

And

How many of these individuals were under 18

if possible a further breakdown by individual age of all those under 18.

- In the year 2023 so far - January to September
- January - December 2020
- January - December 2019
- January - December 2018

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Our response:

Please note:

- ❖ This data includes crime and non-crime incidents.
- ❖ The 2023 data has been supplied up to and including 31.08.2023.
- ❖ To reduce the risk of identification of individuals, the under 18 age breakdown has been provided using the following categories : **10 to 12**, **13 to 15** and **16 to 17**. Further breakdown by individual ages would engage s40 (personal data).

Person role - Arrested / offender / suspect (total)

Reported Year	Offence Description	Occurrences
2018	Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	30
	Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	227
	TOTAL	257
2019	Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	27
	Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	211
	Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	4
	TOTAL	242
2020	Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	29
	Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	308
	Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	4
	TOTAL	341
2023	Possession of an indecent or pseudo-photograph of a child	24
	Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	227
	TOTAL	251

Person role - Arrested / offender / suspect (This data includes anyone under 18 arrested or as a suspect - there is no assumption of guilt at this time.)

Reported Year	Offence Description	Occurrences
2018	Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	7
	Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	138
	TOTAL	145
2019	Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	4
	Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	148
	Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	1
	TOTAL	153
2020	Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	9

	Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	179
	TOTAL	188
2023	Possession of an indecent or pseudo-photograph of a child	6
	Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	174
	TOTAL	180

if possible a further breakdown by individual age of all those under 18.

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Reported Year	Reported Age	Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child	Take or make indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children
2018	10 to 12	2	10
	13 to 15	5	94
	16 to 17	0	41
	TOTAL	7	145
2019	10 to 12	0	17
	13 to 15	2	97
	16 to 17	2	39
	TOTAL	4	153
2020	10 to 12	1	33
	13 to 15	7	109
	16 to 17	1	46
	TOTAL	9	188
2023	10 to 12	0	35
	13 to 15	3	96
	16 to 17	3	49
	TOTAL	6	180

In addition, Wiltshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to this request by virtue of the following exemption : **Section 23(5) - Information supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.**

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.

No inference should be taken as to whether any other information that would meet your request does or does not exist.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

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Exemptions applied:

Section 23(5) - Information Supplied by, or concerning certain Security Bodies

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,

Abigail Standidge

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

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