

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 30th January 2024

Our Ref FOI 2024-085

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th January 2024, concerning Antisemitic crimes & non-crime incidents.

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:

Question 1a

If Wiltshire Police flags antisemitic crimes separately, please provide us with:

- The total number of antisemitic crimes recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023;
- The total number of antisemitic violent crimes recorded, in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023, which fell into the Home Office categories of "homicide", "violence with injury" and "racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury";
- The total number of antisemitic crimes, in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023, that resulted in charges being brought; and
- The total number of antisemitic non-criminal incidents recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Question 1b

If Wiltshire Police does not flag antisemitic crimes separately, please search for crimes and non-criminal incidents in your CRIS using the following whole keywords (i.e. not parts of words, but whole words, so that when you search for "Jew", entries containing "jewellery" are not returned). Since use of all the keywords might prevent you from answering this FOI request due to excessive cost, please only use the keywords (starting at the top) that can be used without incurring excessive cost.

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The keywords are:

- Jew/Jews/Jewish/Judaism
- Semite/Semitic/Semitism
- Antisemite/Antisemitic/Antisemitism
- Yid/Yids/Yiddo/Yiddish

When responding to Q1 or Q1a, please use the following table format, with the following headings:

- Month
- Number of antisemitic crimes recorded
- Number of antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence*
- Number of antisemitic crimes resulting in charges being brought
- Number of antisemitic incidents reported

*For the purpose of this request, antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence are those antisemitic crimes which fell into the Home Office categories of "homicide", "violence with injury" and "racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury".

Our response

Please note:

- ❖ The data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.
- ❖ We do not flag antisemitic crimes separately, therefore a keyword search has been conducted. The results of these types of searches may be unreliable and inaccurate as only the summary field of the report is searched. If these terms are contained elsewhere (i.e. within the call log, crime report, statements etc) these will not be returned in the results. Additionally, if the term is misspelt within the summary field, this will not be returned. To provide accurate results would require a manual search of each crime within the specified timeframe to deem if they were relevant to your request.

The following terms were searched:

- Jew/Jews/Jewish/Judaism
- Semite/Semitic/Semitism
- Antisemite/Antisemitic/Antisemitism
- Yid/Yids/Yiddo/Yiddish

Antisemitic crime and non-crime incidents

Reported Month Year	Crime	Non Crime Incident	Grand Total
Feb-21	2		2

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Mar-21	1		1
Apr-21	1		1
Jun-21	2		2
Jul-21	1		1
Apr-22		1	1
Jul-22	1		1
Aug-22	1	2	3
Oct-22	1		1
Nov-22	2		2
Jan-23		1	1
Feb-23	1		1
Mar-23		1	1
May-23		1	1
Jun-23	1		1
Aug-23	1	1	2
Sep-23		1	1
Oct-23	1	3	4
Nov-23	3		3
Dec-23	1		1
Grand Total	20	11	31

Violent crimes recorded - Home Office categories : “homicide” “violence with injury” “racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury”

There were no violent crimes recorded under these categories using the wildcard function of the keywords requested.

Charges brought

2023 - 1 crime had a charge outcome

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 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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