

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by post

Date: 23rd January 2024

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2024 / 097

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th January 2024 concerning Company Accounts.

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 – having consulted our Finance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- 1 With whom does the Office of Chief Constable corporation file its company accounts ?
- 2 Under what name does Office of Chief Constable corporation file its company accounts ?
- 3 What is the Company Number under which the Office of Chief Constable corporation files its accounts ?
- 4 With whom does Wiltshire Police files its accounts ?
- 5 Under what name does Wiltshire Police file its accounts ?
- 6 Wha tis the Company Number under which Wiltshire Police files their accounts ?

Our response:

The Public Sector is very different to Private Sector in that we are essentially a part of the Government and do not make a profit.

Our accounts are consolidated into the Whole of Government Accounts and are regulated through External Audit which is overseen by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd –



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through Local Authority Legislation.

We don't 'file' our accounts per-se as this is a private sector terminology and we have no profit to declare.

We do however have to follow a CIPFA Code of Practice and adhere to a large number of regulations and legislation which is scrutinised by the external Auditors.

Both the Chief Constable's and the Police and Crime Commissioner's accounts, including the Police and Crime Commissioner's Group accounts are published on the Wiltshire Police website and the PCC's website – links to these are provided below :-

www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/how-we-do-it/how-your-money-is-spent/finance-documents/

www.wiltshire.police.uk/police-forces/wiltshire-police/areas/about-us/about-us/what-we-spend/

There are no company numbers as both are public organisations and not private entities. We have been audited by Grant Thornton external Auditors up until the end of 2022/23 and are now audited by Bishops Flemming.

Our accounts are also published as 'open to the public for inspection' for 30 days from the 31st May, to scrutinise the documents and all related accounting records, during which time they have a right to question the Auditors and raise objections to anything in the accounts.

Please Note

Under our Section 16 obligation to provide assistance – where possible – to an applicant, we would direct you to an open search on the internet for the avoidance of any misunderstanding here and the precise definition of what actually constitutes a "Corporate Sole" :-

www.mylawquestions.com/what-is-a-corporation-sole

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,

Nick Penny
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.pnn.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