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Our ref: **FOI 2024-047**

Reply contact name is:

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 12th January 2024 concerning police officer and PCSO crimes.

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 department of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

For the period 3 March 2018 to 10 January 2024, please could you tell me:

- 1) The number of police officers and PCSOs in your force convicted of a crime;
- 2) For each officer/PCSO listed in your answer to question 1, the type of offence (assault, rape, etc), the date of the offence and the date of conviction;
- 3) The name, date of birth, gender and rank of each convicted officer/PCSO and their status with your force at the date of offence and now (i.e. still serving, suspended, on limited duties, resigned, sacked, etc).

For the period 3 March 2021 to 10 January 2024, please could you tell me:

- 4) The number of police officers and PCSOs charged with a criminal offence where the case is yet to conclude (i.e. a trial is yet to take place, plea hearing is yet to be held, etc);
- 5) For each officer/PCSO listed in your answer to question 4, the type of offence that they are charged with (assault, rape, etc) and the date of the alleged offence;

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- 6) The name, age, gender and rank of each officer/PCSO charged with an offence and their status with your force both now and when the alleged offence occurred (i.e. still serving, suspended, on limited duties, resigned, sacked, etc).

Response:

The type of information you require is not stored in a way which allows for easy retrieval as this information is not stored centrally within our systems, but within each individual file. Within the requested time period, there were 6297 complaint cases and 463 conduct matters. Each would need to be manually reviewed to establish if the relevant information is held and extract it.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such 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.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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