

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 15th February 2024

Our Ref FOI 2024-135

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31st January 2024, concerning sexual offences at specified NHS locations.

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:

I am writing to request the following from your police force under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

A list of a) sexual assaults and b) rapes reported to your police force, for the calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023, at the following NHS locations:

- Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
- Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
- South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

For the above, please break down by trust, and list:

- a) sexual assaults and b) rapes (including gang rapes - please specify) reported per year
 - For each offence, please specify whether the suspect was staff/patient/external and whether the victim was staff/patient/external
 - please also specify report outcomes, i.e. how many resulted in police action, without any identifiers

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if possible, please also specify whether the offence involved a child under 16

Our response:

Please note:

- ❖ The results have been provided in response to the locations provided within this request and the corresponding location noted on our systems.
- ❖ The victim / offender involvement has been determined by our Business Intelligence department since there is not a filter to establish this on our system. They have manually checked the occurrence logs and determined the involvement, therefore, this may be subjective to their interpretation.
- ❖ None of the below results involved a child under 16.

Disposal Year	Offence Description	Location	Victim	Offender	Outcome
2022	Sexual assault	Salisbury District Hospital	Staff	Patient	12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute
2022	Sexual assault	Salisbury District Hospital	Patient	Patient	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
2023	Assault by penetration	Salisbury District Hospital	Patient	Patient	12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute
2023	Sexual assault	Salisbury District Hospital	Prison officer	Prison officer	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties

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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