



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

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/205

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 concerning nitrous oxide.

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 after having consulted our Business Intelligence team – I am now able to respond as follows.

**You wrote:**

1. How many arrests has your force made of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide with intent to supply for recreational use since the 8th of November?
2. How many charges has your force made of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide with intent to supply for recreational use since the 8th of November?
3. How many prosecutions has your force pursued of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide with intent to supply for recreational use since the 8th of November?
4. How many arrests has your force made of individuals selling/who have sold Nitrous oxide for recreational use since the 8th of November?
5. How many charges has your force made of individuals selling/who have sold Nitrous oxide for recreational use since the 8th of November?
6. How many prosecutions has your force pursued of individuals selling/who have sold Nitrous oxide for recreational use since the 8th of November?
7. How many nitrous oxide cannisters have you confiscated in total since the 8th of November?
8. Where do you dispose of nitrous oxide oxide cannisters that have been confiscated?
9. How much has your police force spent on the collection and disposal of nitrous oxide canisters?

## Our response:

Zero.

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](mailto: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 FOI 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.

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#### **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](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk)