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Date: 23rd April 2024

Our ref: 2024-393

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10th April 2024 regarding financial crime and fraud in Swindon.

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 Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Accordingly, I request the following information:

Total Number of Reported Cases: Please provide the total number of reported cases of financial crimes and financial fraud in Swindon for the period from 2020 to 2024.

Year-on-Year Trends: An annual comparison detailing the number of reported cases for each year within the requested timeframe, to identify potential trends in the occurrence of financial crimes and fraud within Swindon.

Clarification received 15th April 2024: As mentioned in the request above, I am looking for:

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Our response:

Please note, the data provided below contains offences which may or may not include financial crimes / fraud. There are not specific financial offence descriptions on our systems, therefore if you require more information, we would suggest contacting Action Fraud directly as most financial crimes and financial fraud are dealt with by them.

Offence Description / Reported Year	Totals	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Blackmail	449	69	75	107	166	32
Fraud, forgery etc. associated with registration and licensing documents	4			2	1	1
Fraud/forgery associated with vehicle or driver records	14	8	6			
Make/supply article(s) for use in fraud(s)	1	1				
Possess/control article(s) for use in fraud(s)	3	1	1		1	
TEW offences: Money laundering, terrorist financing and transfer of funds (information on the payer) Regs 2017	1				1	

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