

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
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Date: 16/04/2024

Our ref: FOI 2024/228

Reply contact name:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/02/2024 concerning domestic abuse reports and the teams involved with domestic abuse investigations.

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 team and the Public Protection Department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote with **Response**

1.

a. How many police officers are in your force?

Year	Officer headcount
2024	1211
2023	1175
2022	1116
2021	1064
2020	1002

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b. How many of these officers are dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse / are domestic abuse specialists? What is the name of the role/roles if there is one? **1 x DI for DA improvement. New Domestic Abuse Team being set up at this time who will own MARAC and DVDS.**

i. (N.B., police officers dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse will be called domestic abuse specialists in the following questions - please still provide answers if they have a different official title)

c. What is the gender makeup of your domestic abuse specialists, if you have them? **DI is female. New team posts undecided at this time**

d. Do you have a specialist domestic abuse team in the force? If so, what is the name of the team? And who do they report to? **As stated 1 x DA DI reports to the DCI on VAWG team**

e. If you have domestic abuse specialists, how does someone become a domestic abuse specialist in your force? I.e. do they put themselves forward, or are they selected by an individual from the force. Who makes the decision for this promotion? **N/A**

2. Please describe in detail how your force handles domestic abuse cases from the initial 999 call to the case being passed on to the CPS. **Uniform section will attend all initial reports, depending on the severity will depend on the owning department i.e PIP2- CID, PIP1- Volume Crime team**

a. What are the steps involved? – **See above, depending on the severity of the report the steps / teams may differ.**

b. What is the average time for a victim to have their case passed on to the CPS?– **Case dependent.**

For questions 1a, 1b and 1c, please provide data for each quarter of the last 5 years, if you have this on record. If you do not, please give data for as many of the five years as you have.

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.



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 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.

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

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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 you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>