

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 16/04/2024

Our ref **FOI 2024/265**

Reply contact name is:

Dear *****,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 04/03/2024, concerning speeding offences.

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, searches were conducted with Justice Traffic of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote:

Can I please request the following information:

All speeding offences recorded during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023 within your police area.

Per speeding offence, please detail the following information:

- Date of offence (i.e. 02.05.2020)
- Time of day (i.e. 08:30AM)
- Offence code (i.e. AC10, CD10)
- Offence type including full details available (i.e. driving without due care and attention)
- City for committed offence (i.e. Hatfield)
- Postcode for committed offence (i.e. AL10 8KJ)

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- Age at offence (i.e. 17 years)
- Car make of the offenders vehicle
- Car model of the offenders vehicle
- Gender

Response:

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Whilst I can confirm Wiltshire Police do hold the requested information, section 12(1) of the FOIA states:-

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.

The type of information you require is not stored in a way which allows for easy retrieval.

To ascertain all the details requested, we would need to manually peruse all relevant reports within the timeframe given.

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. Therefore the whole of the request falls under the exemption of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note:

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Forces may use different recording systems; therefore it may be possible some Forces can provide this information where others cannot.

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. Some of the work was completed before it was realized that this request would become a S.12 response, I have provided this in the hope that this will be helpful to you.

Please see the following table for the answers that we have been able to provide.

Notices issued between 01/01/2023 00:00:00 and 01/01/2024 00:00:00:

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Offences
RR84019	Speeding - exceed 70 mph motorway limit - manned equipment	81	207
	Total	81	207
RR84061	Speeding - exceed 30 mph on restricted road - manned equipment	101	43
	Total	101	43
RR84071	Speeding - passenger motor vehicle and trailer exceeding 60 mph - motorway - manned equipment	1	1
	Total	1	1
RR84130	Speeding - passenger motor vehicle and trailer exceeding 50 mph - single carriageway - manned equipment	1	0
	Total	1	0
RR84203	Speeding - exceed 5 / 18 / 20 / 30 / 40 / 50 / 60 mph limit for a goods vehicle - manned equipment	2	0
	Total	2	0
RR84210	Speeding - exceed 20 mph - Local Order - manned equipment	681	30
	Total	681	30
RR84211	Exceed 40 mph speed limit in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment	635	21
	Total	635	21
RR84212	Exceed 50 mph speed limit in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment	62	36
	Total	62	36
RR84213	Exceed 30 mph speed limit in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment	7318	433
	Total	7318	433
RR84214	Exceed 60 mph speed limit in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment	7	2
	Total	7	2
RR84218	Exceed temporary 40 mph speed restriction in contravention of a Local Traffic Order - manned equipment	2	0
	Total	2	0
RR84706	Speeding - exceed 30 mph on restricted road in England - manned equipment	106	5
	Total	106	5
SV77011	Speeding - motor vehicle exceed 70 mph on a dual carriageway - manned equipment	54	95
	Total	54	95
SV77015	Motor vehicle exceed 60 mph on single carriageway - manned equipment	36	23
	Total	36	23
Total		9087	896

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

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/>