

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 9th April 2024

Our Ref FOI 2024-360

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3rd April 2024, concerning possession, supply, production & importation of cocaine.

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:

1. The total number of arrests for possession, supply, production, and importation of cocaine within the area your police force covers from the years 2013 - 2023.
2. A breakdown of the total number of arrests for possession, supply, production, and importation of cocaine per year.
3. The total number of charges for possession, supply, production, and importation of cocaine within the area your police force covers from the years 2013 - 2023.
4. A breakdown of the total number of charges for possession, supply, production, and importation of cocaine per year.
5. The total number of convictions for possession, supply, production, and importation of cocaine within the area your police force covers from the years 2013 - 2023.
6. A breakdown of the total number of convictions for possession, supply, production, and importation of cocaine per year.

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Our response:

Please note:

- Prior to 2018, cocaine was included under 'Class A' and was not listed as a named drug until 2018. Both the figures for cocaine and Class A have been provided, but the Class A figures will also include other Class A drugs.
- Conviction data is not information Wiltshire Police hold. You will need to contact the Courts or Crown Prosecution Service directly.

Cocaine (since 2018)

Arrests	Total
2018	1
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	1
2020	10
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	6
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	4
2021	23
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	12
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Cocaine	4
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	7
2022	103
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	75
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Cocaine	15
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	13
2023	133
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	100
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Cocaine	20
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	13
Grand Total	270

Charged	Total
2018	1
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	1
2020	7
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	3
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	4
2021	16
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	6
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Cocaine	3
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	7
2022	70
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	49
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Cocaine	10

Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	11
2023	90
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	71
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Cocaine	10
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	9
Grand Total	184

Class A (prior to 2018)

Arrests	Total
2013	239
Permitting premises to be used for Class A drug offences	1
Possession Class A drug	146
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	59
Supply Class A drug	33
2014	264
Permitting premises to be used for Class A drug offences	1
Possession Class A drug	156
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	61
Supply Class A drug	46
2015	249
Possession Class A drug	145
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	69
Supply Class A drug	34
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	1
2016	287
Possession Class A drug	163
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	74
Supply Class A drug	48
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	2
2017	261
Possession Class A drug	132
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	61
Supply Class A drug	66
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	2
2018	258
Possession Class A drug	129
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	84
Supply Class A drug	42
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	3
2019	376
Possession Class A drug	144
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	1
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	82
Supply Class A drug	145
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	4
2020	343

Possession Class A drug	180
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	2
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	82
Supply Class A drug	72
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	3
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	4
2021	230
Having possession of a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	2
Possession Class A drug	119
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	1
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	38
Supply Class A drug	62
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	5
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	3
2022	137
Having possession of a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	26
Permitting premises to be used for Class A drug offences	1
Possession Class A drug	35
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	21
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	23
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	1
Supply Class A drug	14
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	16
2023	102
Having possession of a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	40
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	34
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	24
Unlawful exportation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 - Class A drug	1
Unlawful importation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 - Class A drug	3
Grand Total	2746

Charged	Total
2013	151
Permitting premises to be used for Class A drug offences	1
Possession Class A drug	68
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	52
Supply Class A drug	30
2014	177
Possession Class A drug	86
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	53

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Supply Class A drug	38
2015	160
Possession Class A drug	80
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	54
Supply Class A drug	25
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	1
2016	171
Possession Class A drug	86
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	51
Supply Class A drug	32
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	2
2017	168
Possession Class A drug	76
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	39
Supply Class A drug	52
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	1
2018	158
Possession Class A drug	84
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	50
Supply Class A drug	23
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	1
2019	253
Possession Class A drug	85
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	1
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	52
Supply Class A drug	114
Unlawful import or export of Class A drug	1
2020	185
Possession Class A drug	101
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	2
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	41
Supply Class A drug	39
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	2
2021	126
Having possession of a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	1
Possession Class A drug	64
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	1
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	16
Supply Class A drug	40
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	4
2022	45
Having possession of a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	5
Permitting premises to be used for Class A drug offences	1
Possession Class A drug	19

Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	1
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug	7
Supply Class A drug	8
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	4
2023	16
Having possession of a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	10
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Other Class A drug	3
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	3
Grand Total	1610

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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