



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

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/376

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 concerning fake IDs.

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:**

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am attempting to find which areas use fake IDs the most.

I would like to request the following information:

1. The total number of fake IDs seized and handed to the police in your region, each year for the last five years, with a breakdown by ID gender if possible.

<b>Reported Year / Offence Description</b>	<b>Possess/control a false/improperly obtained/ another persons identity documents</b>	<b>Possess/control identity documents with intent</b>
2019	0	4
2020	0	4
2021	0	2
2022	1	1
2023	0	0
2024 to 31/03/24	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>

2. The total number of people charged with using a fake ID in your region, each year for the last five years, with a breakdown by ID gender if possible.

<b>Reported Year</b>	<b>Number of Crimes with a Charged/Summoned Outcome</b>
2019	4
2020	2
2021	2
2022	1
2023	0
2024 to 31/03/24	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

Please note:

- There is not an identification gender for each of the crimes listed above as the aggrieved person role on each crime is The State and does not note the ID details.
- We only have 2 offence descriptions relating to false identification which have been included in the tables above. Please bear in mind that the figures above will not be fully accurate as to include all occurrences relating to false identity (as some may have been linked to other offences), we would need to manually trawl through each crime report for the time frame requested in order to identify if fake IDs were seized and handed into Police.

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)