

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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Reply contact name:

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 1st April 2024 regarding the Wiltshire Police Federation Office.

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 Federation and Unison department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote (and our response):

1. How many warranted Wiltshire police officers are currently working within the Wiltshire Police Federation Office? Please list their rank, length of service with Wiltshire Police and how long they have been working within the Wiltshire Police Federation Office.

3 – Two Sergeants and one PC.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the length of service and length of time within the Federation sections of this question are exempt by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 40(2) – Personal data

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to articulate the harm or conduct a Public Interest test.

Information which constitutes personal data is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOIA if it relates to a third party, and the disclosure to the public would contravene the data Keeping Wiltshire Safe

protection principles set out in Section 34 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of the GDPR.

2. Please confirm who pays the salaries of those officers.

The officers remain Wiltshire Police officers and therefore are paid by Wiltshire Police.

3. Does Wiltshire Police recharge the Police Federation of England and Wales (PFEW) for the salaries of these officers working within the Federation Office? If yes, is this the whole amount or a percentage? Please detail the amount of money spent by Wiltshire Police to fund the officers working within the Wiltshire Police Federation Office for calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

There is no salary recharge.

4. If Wiltshire Police do not recharge PFEW for the salaries then please explain why or if there are any plans to recharge PFEW.

This is not a valid request under the Fol act.

5. Does Wiltshire Police provide any other financial support to the running of the Wiltshire Police Federation Office i.e. running costs of premises, fuel / mileage, on-call payments, office supplies, etc.? Please provide the total cost and breakdown of costs Wiltshire Police pay towards the running of the Wiltshire Police Federation Office for calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Officer On Call Allowance	6380	4860	2880
Hire of Vehicles	60	0	0
Car Parking	0	325	0
General equipment	0	276.02	0
Total	6440	5281.02	2880

Please note, the data has been provided as accurately as possible, however there is a chance that some expenses are relevant to the officer's police duty as we are unable to break this down further.

6. Does Wiltshire Police recharge PFEW for these costs? If not, please explain why or if there are any plans to recharge PFEW.

No – Wiltshire Police do not recharge these costs.

The second section of this question is not a valid request under the Fol act.

7. Does the Wiltshire Police Federation Office have a delegated force budget? If so, what is the amount of that delegated budget for calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023 and who, within the Federation Office, is that delegated responsibility to?

There is no budget provided to the Federation from Wiltshire Police

8. Who and what is the force line management structure/process for those working within the Wiltshire Police Federation Office i.e. who authorises annual leave, manages sickness absence and authorises expenses, etc.?

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The Head of People Services.

9. Please provide the specific section within Police Regulations (or any other agreements) which details the minimum number of police officers which a police force has to allow to work full time within their respective Police Federation Office.

No information held.

Please note, officers are elected to the National Board of PFEW rather than seconded and therefore the above response has been provided with this in mind.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, 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.

Exemptions applied:

Section 40(2) - Personal Information

In accordance with Section 17 of the Act, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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