

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 07/05/2024

Our ref: FOI 2024/402

Reply contact name:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/04/2024 concerning reports and charges for non-fatal strangulation and non-fatal suffocation.

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 training department and Business Intelligence at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote with **Response**

1.

In the dates between 7 June 2022 and 12 April 2024, has your force investigated the following offences:

SC15005 (non-fatal strangulation),

SC15006 (non-fatal suffocation)

For each offence, please provide:

(a) How many times your force has investigated the offence

523 crimes reported for offence description - Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation

(b) Whether the investigation led to a charge or summons

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87 crimes led to a charge or summons

2.

Has your force received training on the two offences

(Home Office code 008/77 Nonfatal strangulation and suffocation – Clarification to request)

Please provide a Y/N answer.

YES.

3.

If the answer to Q2 is "yes", please provide:

(a) How many serving police officers have received the training
(Please see below)

(b) Copies of the training materials used

Wiltshire Police are not able to supply this material. It is not Wiltshire Police material, we don't hold the content for the Specialist's input, and it is of a sensitive nature.

There is an input on non-fatal strangulation on the PIP2 investigators course delivered as part of the SOIT element of the PPD week of this course.

PIP2 Nos. trained current status: 179 in total - 147 Officers 32 staff (not including anyone that was trained and has left which is an additional 174).

DA Matters covers NFS and the offence, this has been delivered to all existing officers, relevant frontline staff, including control room staff and investigators - officers and police staff. All new officers and staff in these group receive this training.

DA Matters Nos. trained current status: 1360 in total - 988 Officers (inc. 10 Specials) 372 staff (not including anyone that was trained and has left which is an additional 89).

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

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Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



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

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