



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

Date: 10th May 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/415

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th April 2024 concerning the number of officers and PCSOs employed.

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 and Finance teams – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote & our response:

1. The total number of police officers who were in employment at your force in May 2010;

The earliest establishment data we hold dates back to July 2020 so therefore, we do not hold the 2010 figures you require. However, as part of our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance where possible, I am able to provide you with the following information –

As of July 2020, there were 1032 officers employed by Wiltshire Police.

Also, whilst our Finance team do not hold the actual Police officer numbers for 2010, they do hold the budget figures for this year, and this is:
OFFICERS - 1,188 (2010 BUDGET).

2. As of 06.04.24, what is the total number of police officers in current employment by your force;

As of March 2024, there were 1255 officers employed by Wiltshire Police.

3. The total number of PCSOs who were in employment at your force in May 2010;
As per question 1, the earliest establishment data we hold dates back to July 2020 so therefore, we do not hold the 2010 figures you require. However, as part of our

Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance where possible, I am able to provide you with the following information –

As of July 2020, there were 109 PCSOs employed.

Also, whilst our Finance team do not hold the actual PCSO numbers for 2010, they do hold the budget figures for this year, and this is:
PCSO – 147 (2010 BUDGET)

4. As of 06.04.24, how many PCSOs were employed by your force;
As of March 2024, there are 88 PCSOs employed.

5. Finally, if the data is available and it does not exceed the cost threshold, please could you provide an estimation of how many people your force served in 2010, and, by contrast, how many it serves in 2024?

No information held – as previously mentioned, the earliest establishment data we hold dates back to July 2020 and our Finance department retention is 6 years plus current, so we no longer hold this data. Also, there is no obligation on us under the FOI Act to provide an “estimation” of such figures as this would be creating information, which we are not required to do. However, you may be able to retrieve this information via a government census online.

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 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
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