

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 7th June 2024

Our Ref FOI 2024-481

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2nd May 2024, concerning vehicle registration and excise licence offences. Please accept my apologies for the slight delay in responding to your request.

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 Justice Traffic department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

How many instances of the below offence were logged per year, from 2020 to 2023?

"SMO Summary motoring 170 Vehicle registration and excise licence offences (MOT) 81001 81001 - Motor vehicle licence obscured or not affixed"

How many instances of the below offence were logged per year, from 2020 to 2023?

"SMO Summary motoring 170 Vehicle registration and excise licence offences (MOT) 81090 81090 - Other motor vehicle licence, trade licence, registration mark, trade plate and registration book offences (except forgery and deception offences)"

Our response:

Please note:

- ❖ The searches have been completed for the MOT offences and registration mark offences.
- ❖ The 'notices issued' column refers to the number of Fixed Penalty Notices / TOR offences, whereas the 'Niche offences' column refers to the offences that were input into the Court process. Some offences may be included within the figures for both columns as, if a notice is not complied with or the driver requests a Court hearing, the data will appear in both.

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Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Offences
2020			
RT88096	Use a motor vehicle on a road without a valid test certificate	277	74
	Total	277	74
VE94134	Drive a vehicle when the registration mark fails to conform with regulations	67	5
	Total	67	5
VE94135	Keep a vehicle when registration mark fails to conform with the regulations	43	2
	Total	43	2
VE94148	Drive vehicle no front registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	33	0
	Total	33	0
VE94150	Drive vehicle / vehicle and trailer no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	9	3
	Total	9	3
VE94151	Keep vehicle no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	2	0
	Total	2	0
VE94152	Drive a vehicle with registration mark obscured / indistinguishable	7	0
	Total	7	0
Grand Total		438	84
2021			
RT88096	Use a motor vehicle on a road without a valid test certificate	365	71
	Total	365	71
VE94134	Drive a vehicle when the registration mark fails to conform with regulations	44	1
	Total	44	1
VE94135	Keep a vehicle when registration mark fails to conform with the regulations	22	0
	Total	22	0
VE94148	Drive vehicle no front registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	27	1
	Total	27	1
VE94149	Keep vehicle no front registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	2	0
	Total	2	0

VE94150	Drive vehicle / vehicle and trailer no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	10	3
	Total	10	3
VE94151	Keep vehicle no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	5	0
	Total	5	0
VE94152	Drive a vehicle with registration mark obscured / indistinguishable	4	0
	Total	4	0
Grand Total		479	76
2022			
RT88096	Use a motor vehicle on a road without a valid test certificate	459	78
	Total	459	78
VE94134	Drive a vehicle when the registration mark fails to conform with regulations	37	1
	Drive a vehicle when the registration mark fails to conform with regulations	12	0
	Total	49	1
VE94135	Keep a vehicle when registration mark fails to conform with the regulations	39	2
	Total	39	2
VE94148	Drive vehicle no front registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	33	2
	Total	33	2
VE94150	Drive vehicle / vehicle and trailer no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	9	0
	Total	9	0
VE94151	Keep vehicle no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	1	0
	Total	1	0
VE94152	Drive a vehicle with registration mark obscured / indistinguishable	8	0
	Total	8	0
Grand Total		598	83
2023			
RT88096	Use a motor vehicle on a road without a valid test certificate	457	38
	Total	457	38
VE94134	Drive a vehicle when the registration mark fails to conform with regulations	86	0
	Total	86	0

VE94135	Keep a vehicle when registration mark fails to conform with the regulations	14	0
	Total	14	0
VE94148	Drive vehicle no front registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	50	1
	Total	50	1
VE94150	Drive vehicle / vehicle and trailer no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	13	4
	Total	13	4
VE94151	Keep vehicle no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	4	0
	Total	4	0
VE94152	Drive a vehicle with registration mark obscured / indistinguishable	19	1
	Total	19	1
Grand Total		643	44

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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