



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

Date: 10th July 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/581

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17th June 2024 concerning 3rd generation body armour.

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 the South West Police Procurement Service – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote & our response:

Please may you provide some information on the new style (gen 3) body armour.
Please note, that "Gen 3" is not a recognised product as such, but a name that has risen from an upgrade to a new body armour in the Met Police.

1. Has a deal been arranged to supply frontline officers with the new stab vests?
We will be moving to a new spec body armour; the contracts are being worked on at this time.
2. When will they be implemented and given to officers?
The force will not roll out the new armour, instead we will supply new sets to those officers who are needing armour to be replaced due to expiry date or wear and tear as well as being issued to all new recruits/staff.
3. What style/colour has been bought? Are they hi-vis or black? Or the combination style?
Armour has always been purchased in black and the new armour will initially be supplied with a plain black cover.
4. Have you opted for the molle versions to prevent back issues like with the current two tier vest situation.

The plan is, once contracts are in place, we will be looking to supply molle covers, potentially both in hi-viz and black to allow officers to have both options.

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
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk