

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 25/07/2024

Our ref **FOI 2024/652**

Reply contact name is:

Dear *****,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 12/07/2024, concerning assaults on police officers.

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, searches were conducted with Business Intelligence of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote with **Response:**

- 1) How many assaults on emergency workers were recorded in Wiltshire Police for the last 5 years where the victim was a police officer?

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Reported Month Year / Offence Description	Assault a constable in the execution of his / her duty	Assault constable - ABH	Assault Constable - assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Assault constable - cause GBH with intent to resist/prevent arrest (Sec 20)	Assault constable - malicious wounding (sec 20 GBH)	Assault constable - malicious wounding (Sec 20)	Assault constable - wounding with intent to do GBH (Sec 18)	Assault constable - wounding with intent to do GBH (sec 18)	Assault constable - wounding with intent to resist/prevent arrest (sec 18)	Total
Jul-2019	1	16								17
Aug-2019		19								19
Sep-2019		11								11
Oct-2019	2	16			1					19
Nov-2019		14								14
Dec-2019		17			1					18
Jan-2020		16								16
Feb-2020		10								10
Mar-2020		4								4
Apr-2020		6						1	1	8
May-2020		11						2		13
Jun-2020		14							1	15
Jul-2020		7								7
Aug-2020		17								17
Sep-2020		9								9
Oct-2020		20								20
Nov-2020		13								13
Dec-2020		5			1					6
Jan-2021		6								6
Feb-2021		4								4
Mar-2021		9								9
Apr-2021		14								14
May-2021		25								25
Jun-2021		15						1		16
Jul-2021		11	1							12

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Aug-2021		13							1	14
Sep-2021		13								13
Oct-2021		7	2							9
Nov-2021		7	1							8
Dec-2021		13								13
Jan-2022		13	2							15
Feb-2022		8								8
Mar-2022		15	2							17
Apr-2022		14	1						1	16
May-2022			4							4
Jun-2022			10				1			11
Jul-2022			17							17
Aug-2022			10							10
Sep-2022			11							11
Oct-2022			7							7
Nov-2022			12							12
Dec-2022			15							15
Jan-2023			12							12
Feb-2023			6							6
Mar-2023			11				2			13
Apr-2023			4				1			5
May-2023			15				1			16
Jun-2023			10							10
Jul-2023			9							9
Aug-2023			14							14
Sep-2023			18							18
Oct-2023			6							6
Nov-2023			6							6
Dec-2023			10							10
Jan-2024			2				1			3
Feb-2024			17							17
Mar-2024			11			1				12
Apr-2024			13							13
May-2024			22							22
Jun-2024			11	1						12
Total	3	412	292	1	3	1	6	4	4	

- 2) Can you please show numbers for how many of these assaults the victim was single-crewed or double-crewed?

We are unable to provide data to advise if the assaulted Officer was single or double crewed at the time of the assault.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

No information held for question 2

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.



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

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:

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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/>