



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 22nd July 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/657

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th July 2024 concerning registered sex offenders (RSOs).

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 Management of Sexual Offenders & Violent Offenders team (MOSOVO) – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please can you provide me with the following information relating to Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs) and Sexual Harm Prevention Orders (SHPOs) under FOIA?

- 1/ a) How many registered sex offenders (RSOs) are there currently within the force's jurisdiction (on the date this request is answered)?
b) How many RSOs were within the force's jurisdiction in the 4 preceding years (i.e. 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020)?
c) How many people are currently on SHPOs within the force's jurisdiction?
d) How many people were on SHPOs in the 4 preceding years (i.e. 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020)?
- 2/ How many police officers are currently responsible for overseeing people on RSOs and SHPOs (where officers are part-time, please regard this as a 0.5 officer)? If there are different teams overseeing RSOs or SHPOs, please provide the different team sizes.
- 3/ a) How many people on SHPOs have been found to have breached the requirements of SHPOs in the year to date, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020?
b) Of those, how many received a custodial sentence (broken down by year)
- 4/ How many people on SHPOs are currently missing i.e. the force does not know their whereabouts?

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Please use the response template to provide the information, which is attached.

For questions relating to preceding years please use the final day of the year (December 31st) as a comparator or, if collated differently, please try and compare with a similar set day or month in preceding years.

Our response:

1 a and b) How many registered sex offenders (RSOs) are there currently or were there within the force's jurisdiction?					1 c and d) How many people are currently or were on SHPOs within the force's jurisdiction?					2/ How many police officers are currently responsible for overseeing people on RSOs and SHPOs (where officers are part-time, please regard this as a 0.5 officer)?
2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
805 on 16/07/24	776 on 01/08/23	747 on 01/08/22	737 on 05/08/21	702 on 03/08/20	604 on 16/07/24	567 on 01/08/23	536 on 01/08/22	501 on 05/08/21	Not recorded	15.5 offender managers (officers & police staff) 3 teams: 6.5, 6 and 3

3/ a) How many people* on SHPOs have been found to have breached the requirements of SHPOs in the year to date, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020? <i>(*some may have breached more than once, so this is not the number of breaches dealt with)</i>					3 b/ Of those, how many received a custodial sentence? <i>(there are many cases still to be resulted)</i>					4/ How many people on SHPOs are currently missing i.e. the force does not know their whereabouts?
2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Up to 16/07/24: 7 people (13 breaches)	24 people (34 breaches)	25 people (36 breaches)	18 people (21 breaches)	14 people (38 breaches)	Up to 16/07/24: 5 people (11 breaches)	9 people (13 breaches)	11 people (17 breaches)	8 people (11 breaches)	10 people (24 breaches)	3

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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