



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

Date: 31st July 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/706

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29th July 2024 concerning reports of stalking.

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, Domestic Abuse Support and Violence Against Women and Girls teams – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote & our response:

1. What is the population size served by your Police Force?

[According to the Office of National Statistics, in mid-2022 Wiltshire had a population of 751,500.](#)

2. How many allegations of stalking were reported to the Police Force in 2023?

Reported Year / Offence Description	Breach of Stalking Order/Interim Stalking Order	Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking with fear of violence	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking without violence	Stalking involving fear of violence	Stalking involving serious alarm/distress
2023	2	296	6	20	77	185

Please note, that the figures above includes both crimes and incidents.

3. Does this Police Force have a stalking strategy, or similar?
 - a. If so, has the strategy been influenced by any high-profile stalking cases?

The Force has a Stalking Policy. In 2023/4 we have undertaken a significant upskilling of our workforce with targeted educational inputs to Call Handlers, Response Officers and Investigators. We use the case study of Alice Ruggles for these bespoke inputs.

4. How many Stalking Protection Order applications were made in 2023 by this Police Force?

10.

5. Of the Stalking Protection Order applications during 2023, how many resulted in a Stalking Protection Order/ Interim Stalking Protection Order?

7 (2 Interims were not proceeded with at Full SPO Hearing however).

6. Does the Police Force have a 'stalking coordinator' or similar?

Earlier this year we recruited a 'Stalking Investigative Standards Officer' with the job description is based on the Stalking Co-Ordinator role in Hampshire Constabulary but also includes 'peer support' facet to support investigating officers.

7. Does the Police Force have a 'stalking clinic' or similar, such as a multi-agency meeting where stalking cases are discussed?

No, but on occasion conferences will be arranged locally with the applicable partnership agencies in order to discuss a co-ordinated response where required. High Risk Domestic Stalking cases are also referred into the MARAC (multi agency risk assessment conference).

8. If the force has a stalking clinic/similar, which other agencies are involved?
- NHS Trust/Health professionals – please specify
 - Probation Services
 - Local Authority/social services
 - Victim liaison/victim aid

N/A.

9. If the force has a stalking clinic/similar, how is it funded?

N/A.

10. If there is a stalking clinic in place, are there any face-to-face assessments or treatments offered to defendants/perpetrators, through health professionals? If so, please specify.

N/A.

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
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