

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 16th August 2024

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2024 / 727

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3rd August 2024 concerning Data Sharing of information in relation to Complaints Files.

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 – having consulted our Policy, Public Protection and Vetting Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Does Wiltshire police professional standards department release information to any third-party stakeholders regarding an officer's complaint file if the matter has been resolved as no further action or no case to answer.

Which policy does the above relate to and please provide a copy.

Our response:

There is currently no formal Policy document or Data Sharing Agreement in place at Wiltshire Police in respect of releasing information to 3rd party stakeholders regarding an officers' complaint file or information contained in it.

Any requests for details of an officer's complaint file is normally made as part of a Vetting Request from another employer or Force. I have liaised with our Professional Standards Team who have confirmed that any such disclosure are made in accordance with the current APP (Authorised Professional Practice) for Vetting.

They have also confirmed that full disclosures are made (not partial disclosures) and any matters resolved as no further action or no case to answer are included in any disclosures made.



Please Note

Any data sharing that does happen is in accordance with the following :-

- current Data Protection Principles and Legislation
- the ICO (Information Commissioners' Office) Code of practice
- any APP (Authorised Professional Practice)

Under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, you may find the following links useful :-

www.ico.org.uk/for-organisations/uk-gdpr-guidance-and-resources/data-protection-principles/a-guide-to-the-data-protection-principles/

www.ico.org.uk/for-organisations/uk-gdpr-guidance-and-resources/data-sharing/data-sharing-a-code-of-practice/

www.college.police.uk/app/professional-standards/vetting

I have liaised with our Professional Standards Department who make disclosures of officers

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,

Nick Penny
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.pnn.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:

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