

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 09/09/2024

Our ref: FOI 2024/769

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/08/2024 concerning police detentions/interviews of suspects and voluntary interviews in which an appropriate adult was provided and for whom legal advice was requested and obtained as recorded by officers for both adults and juveniles.

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 I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote with **Response**

I am seeking up-to-date information about the proportion of police detentions/interviews of suspects and voluntary interviews in which an appropriate adult was provided and for whom legal advice was requested and obtained as recorded by officers for both adults and juveniles.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following data for your force area, for each year for the years ending 9 March 2021, 2022 and 2023:

please could you indicate the total number of

(1) authorised detentions – **7788 for the year 2021, 8626 for the year 2022, 9715 in 2023**

(2) interviews under arrest and **Wiltshire police cannot determine this from our data searches. But the majority would have been interviewed.**

(3) voluntary Interviews. **Not recorded in 2021, 2022 or 2023. We now have a process in place which will record this.**

Then for each these whether '

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(a) a pre-interview Risk Assessment was conducted, **Yes risk assessments completed as part of booking in process.**

(b) an appropriate adult was required in **982 cases 2021, 1179 cases in 2022, 1303 times in 2023**

an appropriate adult was provided, **unable to determine**

(c) legal advice was requested and **4664 in 2021, 5175 in 2022, 5901 in 2023**

(d) legal advice was provided. **If requested its provided**

n relation to juveniles, please could you indicate the total number of

(1) authorised detentions **599 in 2021, 741 in 2022, 777 in 2023**

(2) interviews under arrest and **Wiltshire Police cannot determine this from our data searches. But the majority would have been interviewed.**

(3) voluntary Interviews. **Not recorded in 2021, 2022 or 2023**

Then for each these whether

(a) a pre-interview Risk Assessment was conducted, **Yes all DPs (Detained Persons) have a risk assessment completed**

(b) an appropriate adult was required **599 in 2021, 731 in 2022, 766 in 2023**

an appropriate adult was provided **Wiltshire Police cannot determine this from our data searches, but if AA required (by law as well) then we couldn't proceed without one.**

(c) legal advice was requested **465 in 2021, 562 in 2022, 594 in 2023**

(d) legal advice was provided. **Wiltshire Police cannot determine this from our data searches.**

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

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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 Fol 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

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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

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/>