



# WILTSHIRE POLICE

XXXXXXX  
By email

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

**Date** 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

**Our Ref** FOI 2024-832

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024, concerning Response Officers : tasers and blue lights.

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, research was conducted by the Strategic Support Officers for Swindon and County at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

## You wrote:

Please can you tell me what percentage of response officers have tasers? Please break it down for Wiltshire and just for Swindon.

Please can you tell me what percentage of response officers can drive on blue lights? One again if you can break this down for the whole of Wiltshire and just Swindon.

## Our response:

- The percentages provided relate to **Response** Officers who are Response (blue light) and Taser trained.
- The percentages will fluctuate daily depending on various factors such as the number of Officers who are abstracted, off sick etc.

## Swindon

### Tasers

|                  |                                            |        |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Swindon Response | Total Summary of <b>all</b> Response teams | 19.20% |
| Swindon NPT      | Stratton, Central, North & West            | 27.80% |

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|---------------------|--------|
| Central South       | 31.60% |
| North, East & Rural | 41.70% |

### Blue lights

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|------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Swindon Response | Total Summary of <b>all</b> Response teams | 25.40% |
| Swindon NPT      | Stratton, Central, North & West            | 27.80% |
|                  | Central South                              | 42.10% |
|                  | North, East & Rural                        | 66.70% |

### County

#### Tasers

Trowbridge CPTR – 17.6%

Salisbury CPTR – 14.5%

Devizes CPTR – 29.2%

Chippenham CPTR – 21.1%

Trowbridge NPT – 44.4%

Warminster NPT – 28.6%

Salisbury NPT – 40%

Tidworth NPT – 28.6%

Devizes NPT – 83.3%

Chippenham NPT – 55.6%

LPTT – 90%

Rural Crime Team – 37.5%

#### Blue lights

*Please note: These are operational figures and do not include those trained drivers who are abstracted, seconded or sick.*

Trowbridge CPTR – 31.8%

Salisbury CPTR – 25%

Devizes CPTR – 33.3%

Chippenham CPTR – 36.8%

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Trowbridge NPT – 66.7%

Warminster NPT – 57.1%

Salisbury NPT – 80%

Tidworth NPT – 42.9%

Devizes NPT – 66.7%

Chippenham NPT – 88.9%

LPTT – 80%

Rural Crime Team – 62.5%

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.



### **Force Disclosure Unit**

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



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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](mailto: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

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](mailto: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 to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>**

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