

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 2nd October 2024

Our Ref FOI 2024-857

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25th September 2024, concerning Public Order Act, Communications Act and updating witnesses of investigations.

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 Business Intelligence department and Force Policy Officer at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote and our response:

Between January 2024 - March 2024, please can I have a breakdown of the following:

1(a) How many crimes for Section 5 Public Order Act (CCCJS Code: PU86149. HO Code: 125/12) which were recorded as state based offences (Rex offences) were closed?

10

1(b). Of those crimes closed, how many were closed with no record of a notification provided to an informant or witness prior to closure?

3 did not update the reporting person (RP)

2(a) How many crimes for Section 127(1) Communication Act (CCCJS Code: CA03005 and CA03006. HO Code: 196/07) which were recorded as state based offences (Rex offences) were closed? To be broken down by CCCJS Code, if possible.

Zero

2(b). Of those crimes closed, how many were closed with no record of a notification provided to an informant or witness prior to closure?

N/A

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3. What is the force's policy on providing updates to witnesses and/or informants regarding state based offences (Rex offences)?

We do not have a Force policy on providing updates to witnesses and/or informants regarding state based offences. We adhere to the [Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales \(Victims' Code\)](#). Right 6 covers the right to be provided with information about the investigation and prosecution.

4. What is the force's policy on informing or updating witnesses and/or informants regarding the closure of a state based offences (Rex offences)?

This is covered in the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales (Victims' Code).

5. Is there a requirement for updates to be provided to a witness and/or informant regarding the investigation of state based offences (Rex offences)?

This is covered in the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales (Victims' Code).

6. Is there a requirement to update a witness and/or informant prior to the closure of a state based offence (Rex offence)?

This is covered in the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales (Victims' Code).

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 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

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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