

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By email

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

Date 4th November 2024

Our Ref FOI 2024-971

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 1st November 2024, concerning assaults on emergency workers.

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 at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote and our response:

Clarification received 01.11.2024 ... Please can you provide me with Crime data for the offence of 'Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker' using Home Office offence code 08/73.

Please note there are two parts to my request.

1.

Since 1 January 2020 to 1 November 2024, how many people has your force arrested following allegations that they have assaulted an emergency worker - offence code 00873?

The offence code for assaulting an emergency worker is as follows:

TEW	Violence against the person	8.22 Assault of an emergency worker	00873	00873 - Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker
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and relates to Section 67 of the Sentencing Act 2020.

Please provide a breakdown of the number of arrests per calendar year.

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Caveats: An individual can be arrested on more than one occasion. There can be more than one person arrested per occurrence.

Reported Year	Arrested
2020	216
2021	227
2022	274
2023	285
2024	250
Grand Total	1252

2.

For each arrest, please provide the following information:

(a) The gender (M/F) of the suspect

Reported Year	Arrested Gender		Grand Total
	F	M	
2020	77	139	216
2021	71	156	227
2022	89	185	274
2023	98	187	285
2024	103	147	250
Grand Total	438	814	1252

(b) The gender (M/F) of the victim

Reported Year	Victim Gender			Grand Total
	F	M	U	
2020	50	164		214
2021	57	166		223
2022	74	179		253
2023	95	173	7	275
2024	82	167	3	252
Grand Total	358	849	10	1217

(c) The ethnicity of the suspect

Arrested Self defined race	Reported Year					Grand Total
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
A1. Asian Indian inc Asian British		4		2		6
A2. Asian Pakistani inc Asian British				4		4
A9. Any other Asian background	2	3	1	2		8
B1. Black Caribbean inc Black British	3	2	4	3	1	13
B2. Black African inc Black British		3	5	5	2	15

B9. Any other Black background	6	3	2		2	13
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean		3	4	3	3	13
M2. Mixed White & Black African	1			1	3	5
M3. Mixed White & Asian				2	1	3
M9. Any other mixed	4	3	6	4	4	21
NS. Not stated	11	9	23	22	16	81
O9. Any other		2		1	3	6
W1. White British	175	185	213	229	208	1010
W2. White Irish		3		2	1	6
W3. White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	1		1	1		3
W9. Any other white background	13	7	15	4	6	45
Grand Total	216	227	274	285	250	1252

(d) The ethnicity of the victim

Victim self defined Race	Reported Year					Grand Total
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
M3. Mixed White & Asian				1		1
NS. Not stated	209	219	243	260	237	1168
W1. White British	5	4	9	14	13	45
W9. Any other white background			1		2	3
Grand Total	214	223	253	275	252	1217

(e) Whether the arrest led to a charge (Y/N)

Reported Year	Outcome			Grand Total
	Awaiting outcome	No	Yes	
2020		35	181	216
2021		45	182	227
2022		66	208	274
2023		59	226	285
2024	54	24	172	250
Grand Total	54	229	969	1252

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.

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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