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XXXXXX – by email

Date: 23rd December 2024

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2024 / 999

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th November 2024 concerning Police Officers and Staff investigated for Theft / Dishonesty.

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 not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

Over the past 5 years from submission of this report how many police officers or staff members have been:

Investigated for dishonesty theft offences?

- How many of these people have been allowed to remain in post with or without restrictions?
- What were these restrictions?
- How many of these people have been suspended from force?

If details can be provided about these cases and the appropriate authority assessment be provided, please can this be done.

How many of these assessments have had a firearms review conducted on the individuals involved or their family ?



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Our response:

Over the last 5 years, the CCU or PSD Teams at Wiltshire Police have recorded 21 cases where investigations have taken place in regards to Theft / Dishonesty by either Officers or Staff either directly or as a part of other (more serious allegations). Of these cases, 13 have been undertaken against specifically named individuals.

Due to the small number of these specific cases and any information either available in the public domain or known to the requestor already, the remainder of your request, namely the following :-

- Information regarding restrictions while remaining in post
- Specific information about these case
- Details of any Appropriate Authority Assessments
- Details of any Firearms Checks undertaken

is exempt by virtue of the following exemption :-

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement for Wiltshire Police to articulate the harm or examine the public interest in disclosure. Information that constitutes personal data is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act if it is about a third party and disclosure to the public would contravene the data protection principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

However, under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, I am happy to confirm the following information regarding the 21 cases mentioned :-

Cases	Individuals		Suspension Details		
	Unidentified	Named	None	From Post / Role	From Force
21	8	13	8	1	4

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 40 (2) - Personal Information

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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 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