

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via email



Police Headquarters

London Road
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Date: 27/01/2025

Our ref: FOI 2024/1082

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/12/2024 concerning the recruiting process for Traffic Law Enforcement Officers and hand held speed cameras.

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:

1. I would like information as follows:

*The recruiting process for a Traffic law enforcement officer (mobile speed camera operative van and handheld), including:

*qualifications

*Person specification

*Job description for the role

*external training requirements,

*internal training process once recruited *any ongoing/mandatory training requirements

*min and max Ages of the handheld camera operatives *Medical requirements for the

role *Number of handheld speed camera operatives currently employed by Wiltshire police, along with their length of service and ages.

* The ages, experience, length of service of the operatives working in the Wilton area during September, October and November 2024.

2. I would like information pertaining to the handheld speed cameras used by Wiltshire Police, specifically :

* The make and models used in the Wilton area during the months of September, October and November 2024

* The policy for the use and maintenance of such equipment.

*callibration records for the handheld cameras in use in the Wilton area during September, October and November 2024.

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Response:

- 1) Police officers don't have job descriptions/role profiles, I've attached the Speed Watch Enforcement Officer job description which is a staff role.

We currently have 3 full time Speed Enforcement Officers (SEO) who have been in post in excess of 12 months. Our most recent SEO joined in January last year and the other two had already been in post for at least 2 years prior to that.

The three SEOs have their own designated areas and the County is split equally into three divisions for them to have a mix of rural and urban locations. One covers South, one covers Swindon and one covers Central.

- 2) We do not have a Force policy on the use and maintenance of Handheld Speed Cameras.

The cameras the SEOs use are the Truvelo Lasercam 4 device which has video and audio recording capabilities. They are calibrated every year and we hold the certificates for them all. If a camera is faulty, then it is replaced with another Truvelo Lasercam 4 complete with calibration certificate. The SEOs do not use any other device.

Community Speedwatch (CSW) on the other hand use an SL700 device which does not have any capabilities to record either visual or audio and there are a number of volunteers across the County who are trained to use them. Drivers are not prosecuted if captured by CSW but they do receive an educational awareness letter.

If a driver requests a copy of the calibration certificate then we do provide it as well as a couple of still images from the video but we don't generally provide anything else unless requested by the Court. We do not provide any training records or personal details of any of the SEOs.

We also have a number of other Special Constables who are trained to use the Truvelo camera.

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 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

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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/>