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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 10th January 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 038

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th January 2025 concerning Dangerous Driving.

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 – having consulted our Business Performance Team Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response)

1. Please could you provide me with data on the number of individuals arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving in the full calendar years 2023 and 2024, broken down by the following:
 - (i) Nationality
 - (ii) Ethnicity (both ethnic description and ethnicity appearance)
 - (iii) For each arrest, specify in which neighbourhood the alleged offence took place and the date when it took place

**Anyone arrested is asked for their Country of Birth and Self-Defined Ethnicity.
We do not record “Ethnic Description” or “Ethnicity Appearance”.**

**The specific date(s) when individuals were arrested for Dangerous Driving is exempt under Section 40 of the Act (Personal Information).
Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no obligation on an Authority to undertake a public interest test in order to exempt.**

However, it is my opinion that the provision of specific dates when individuals have been arrested for this offence could lead – with information either already in the public domain or already known to the applicant – individuals being identified.



The breakdown of the remainder of information you require is as follows :-

Country of Birth	2023	2024	Total
Afghanistan	1		1
Albania		2	2
Brazil	1		1
Bulgaria	1		1
England	41	66	107
Eritrea	1		1
Germany	1		1
Hong Kong		1	1
India	1		1
Iran, Islamic republic of	2		2
Ireland	1	2	3
Lithuania		1	1
Netherlands		1	1
Northern Ireland	1	1	2
Peru		1	1
Poland	1	1	2
Portugal	1	1	2
Romania	2	2	4
Somalia	1		1
South Africa		1	1
UK	22	42	64
Wales	1	4	5
Zimbabwe		1	1
Total	79	127	206

Self-Defined Ethnicity	2023	2024	Total
A1. Asian Indian inc Asian British		3	3
A2. Asian Pakistani inc Asian British		4	4
A4. Asian Chinese inc Asian British		1	1
A9. Any other Asian background	3		3
B1. Black Caribbean inc Black British	1	3	4
B2. Black African inc Black British	1	1	2
B9. Any other Black background	2	1	3
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean	1	1	2
M2. Mixed White & Black African	1		1
M9. Any other mixed		3	3
NS. Not stated	9	15	24
O2. Arab	1		1
W1. White British	56	88	144
W2. White Irish	1	1	2
W9. Any other white background	3	6	9
Total	79	127	206

Neighbourhood Team	2023	2024	Total
Amesbury	6	2	8
Chippenham	2	7	9
Devizes	2	16	18
Out of Force Area	4	18	22
Royal Wootton Bassett	6	6	12
Salisbury	5	16	21
Swindon	40	35	75
Trowbridge	9	16	25
Warminster	5	11	16
Total	79	127	206

2. As well as this breakdown, I would be grateful if you could provide an overall arrest figure for each year broken down by
- (i) nationality and
 - (ii) ethnicity

Self-defined Ethnicity	2023	2024	Total
A1. Asian Indian inc Asian British	162	220	382
A2. Asian Pakistani inc Asian British	49	71	120
A3. Asian Bangladeshi inc Asian British	60	65	125
A4. Asian Chinese inc Asian British	19	28	47
A9. Any other Asian background	168	134	302
B1. Black Caribbean inc Black British	194	312	506
B2. Black African inc Black British	256	364	620
B9. Any other Black background	247	212	459
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean	238	230	468
M2. Mixed White & Black African	68	86	154
M3. Mixed White & Asian	56	44	100
M9. Any other mixed	239	180	419
NS. Not stated	4330	4951	9281
O2. Arab	63	35	98
O9. Any other	77	150	227
W1. White British	11029	12168	23197
W2. White Irish	133	154	287
W3. White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	30	32	62
W9. Any other white background	1011	966	1977
Total	18429	20402	38831

Country of Birth	2023	2024	Total
Afghanistan	35	32	67
Albania	184	216	400
Algeria	14	8	22
Angola	2	16	18
Australia	18	47	65
Bahamas	1	4	5
Bahrain	10	3	13
Bangladesh	31	67	98
Barbados	8	15	23
Belarus		1	1
Belgium	13	4	17
Belize	2		2
Bermuda	2	1	3
Botswana	2		2
Brazil	177	155	332
Bulgaria	46	33	79
Burma		2	2
Cameroon	6	5	11
Canada	7	12	19
Channel Islands	1		1
China	16	10	26
Colombia	3	16	19
Congo		9	9
Congo, The D.R. of	3	2	5
Côte d'Ivoire	1		1
Croatia	1		1
Cuba	1	12	13
Curaçao	1		1
Cyprus	8	27	35
Czech Republic	7	5	12
Denmark	1		1
East Africa	1	1	2
Egypt	2	2	4
El Salvador		5	5
England	9402	9723	19125
Eritrea	15	11	26
Estonia		2	2
Ethiopia	2	3	5
Fiji	34	40	74
Finland		2	2
France	12	10	22
Gambia	15	18	33
Georgia	10	9	19
Germany	148	101	249
Ghana	35	48	83
Gibraltar	3	2	5
Greece	16	7	23
Grenada	6	18	24

Guatemala	6		6
Guinea		13	13
Guinea-Bissau		1	1
Guyana	18	39	57
Haiti	1	1	2
Hong Kong	18	11	29
Hungary	27	43	70
India	230	228	458
Indonesia	2		2
Iran, Islamic republic of	55	51	106
Iraq	68	52	120
Ireland	151	156	307
Isle of Man	1		1
Italy	9	16	25
Jamaica	79	61	140
Jersey	3		3
Jordan		5	5
Kazakhstan	4		4
Kenya	37	59	96
Korea, Republic of	1	3	4
Kosovo	6	26	32
Kuwait	7	3	10
Kyrgyzstan	4		4
Latvia	9	9	18
Lebanon		1	1
Liberia		6	6
Libya, State of		3	3
Lithuania	36	22	58
Malawi	11	11	22
Malaysia	4	11	15
Malta	4	1	5
Mauritius	2		2
Moldova, Republic of		3	3
Morocco	12	13	25
Mozambique	4		4
Namibia	17	3	20
Nepal	18	29	47
Netherlands	2	9	11
New Zealand	4	3	7
Nicaragua	2	1	3
Nigeria	44	64	108
Northern Ireland	60	38	98
Norway	2	9	11
NS. Not stated	98	177	275
Pakistan	32	28	60
Palestinian Territory, occupied	2		2
Paraguay	2		2
Peru		6	6
Philippines	26	15	41

Poland	460	443	903
Portugal	42	122	164
Romania	415	294	709
Russian Federation	9	16	25
Saint Helena	40	56	96
Saint Lucia	9	8	17
Saudi Arabia	6		6
Scotland	87	117	204
Senegal		3	3
Serbia		3	3
Sierra Leone	4	10	14
Singapore	5	4	9
Slovakia	10	28	38
Slovenia		4	4
Somalia	45	11	56
South Africa	43	86	129
South Sudan	2		2
Spain	15	17	32
Sri Lanka	25	16	41
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	6	13	19
Sudan	54	81	135
Sweden	17	20	37
Syrian Arab Republic	8	4	12
Tanzania, United Republic of		2	2
Thailand	1	17	18
Timor-Leste	2		2
Tonga	1	3	4
Trinidad and Tobago	12	15	27
Tunisia		5	5
Turkey	44	52	96
Uganda	2	2	4
UK	5290	6541	11831
Ukraine	10	3	13
United Arab Emirates		2	2
United States of America	46	77	123
Uzbekistan	1	1	2
Viet Nam	6	28	34
Virgin Islands, U.S.	2		2
Wales	200	228	428
Yemen		4	4
Yugoslavia		2	2
Zambia	7	12	19
Zimbabwe	83	118	201
Total	18429	20402	38831

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: Personal Information

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular element of your 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,
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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 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:

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