

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 27th January 2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/048

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13th January concerning Claires Law.

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) The total number of Disclosure Requests made under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as "*Clare's Law*") during the period 1st January 2024 up to and including 31st December 2024 by gender, age, & ethnicity.

For your ease of reference, please provide the details for the "*Person at Risk*" i.e. the person for whom the enquiry has been made by directly and/or on behalf of.

2) During the period 1st January 2024 up to and including 31st December 2024 please provide the gender of the person making the enquiry regarding their current partner and/or the person making the enquiry directly on behalf of the "*Person at Risk*."

Response:

Due to the way we record the information you are requesting for question 1 is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval for the whole period you have requested, Please see our response below. The ascertaining of the information requested in question 2 would only be possible by physically reading every request received in the timeframe requested.

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Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Please note, that if one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

What I am able to provide you with is the data for the last quarter. Below information therefore for period 01/09/24 to 31/12/24 only –

Gender	Number of applications
Male	1
Female	261
Not Stated	1
Total for 2024 Q4	263

Age	Number of applications
16-24	44
25-34	95
35-44	88
45-55	30
55-64	4
75 and over	1
Not stated/unknown	1
Total for 2024 Q4	263

Ethnicity	Number of applications
1. White: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	235
2. White: Irish	0
3. White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0

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4. White: Roma	4
5. Any other White background	4
6. Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	2
7. Mixed: White and Black African	0
8. Mixed: White and Asian	0
9. Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background	0
10. Asian / Asian British: Indian	1
11. Asian / Asian British: Pakistani	0
12. Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi	0
13. Asian / Asian British: Chinese	0
14. Any other Asian background	0
15. Black / Black British: African	0
16. Black / Black British: Caribbean	1
17. Any other Black / African / Caribbean background	0
18. Other: Arab	0
19. Any other ethnic group	0
Not Stated	16
Total for 2024 Q4	263

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 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

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

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Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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/>