

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 6th February 2025

Our Ref FOI 2025-098

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24th January 2025, concerning domestic abuse flags and 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:

According to FOI request 2024/971, your force made 438 arrests for assaulting an emergency worker, where the suspect was female between 1 January 2020 to 1 November 2024. A follow up FOI, ref FOI 2024/995, confirmed that in 4 of these incidents, a "domestic incident" was recorded.

Please can you provide the following information:

(1)

When "domestic incident" was recorded as part of the arrest, was the female recorded as:

- (a) the suspect of committing the domestic abuse (all female suspects)
- (b) the victim of the domestic abuse (all female victims),
- (c) or were some incidents recorded as involving a male suspect of domestic abuse (both)?

Please provide as your answer "all female suspects" "all female victims" or "both"

If the response is "all female victims", you do not need to respond to Q2. Please skip to Q3 and Q4.

If your response was "all female suspects" or "both", please respond to Q2:

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Clarification ... In terms of Q1 - I mean were the 4 women arrested as part of the domestic incident also treated as a suspect of domestic abuse? So they were arrested for both?

There was 1 female arrested for a domestic abuse offence and assault emergency worker at the same time

(2)

Of the total number of women arrested for assaulting an emergency worker between 1 January 2020 to 1 November 2024, how many of those women were also recorded as a victim of or potential victim of a domestic incident?

Clarification ... For Q2, I can confirm that I mean: recorded as a victim of a domestic incident that is part of the same incident of assaulting an emergency worker

No one was recorded as a victim as part of the same incident

(3)

In how many of the arrests of a female suspect for assaulting an emergency worker, was the suspect flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with their current or former partner, where their current or former partner was the perpetrator of domestic violence?

By this I mean the suspect who assaulted an emergency worker had previously been flagged with a domestic violence marker where she is recognised as at risk of DVA.

For information and definitions of domestic abuse indicators and domestic abuse flags, I am sharing this [document](#) from the HMICFRS.

None

(4)

In how many of the arrests of a female suspect for assaulting an emergency worker, was a restraining order, a protective order, a non-molestation order, or an occupation order in place at the suspect's address against the suspect's current or former partner?

None

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 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

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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