

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 11th February 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 183

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11th February 2025 concerning Redaction of Records.

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 now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Could you please provide information on the average redaction rate per page?

Specifically, I am interested in the average time it takes for a reasonable person to redact one page of confidential records containing numerous third-party information to public or partner organisations.

Our response:

No Information Held

There is no obligation on an Authority to provide any explanation or rationale when providing a No Information Held response, however – under our Section 16 obligation to be as helpful as possible to an applicant – I am happy to provide some context in this instance.

We do not undertake any form of monitoring of how long specific tasks take at Wiltshire Police nor the amount of time undertaken on specific processes and/or investigations.



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The average time taken to redact one page of confidential information containing 3rd party information for either the public or partner agencies will depend on a huge number of different factors, such as – but not necessarily limited to – the following :-

- The experience of the individual redacting the document
- The type of document being redacted (crime report, call log, statement etc)
- The actual recipient of the information (the same document would be redacted differently for a Rights of Access request from an individual, a Private Court Order or a safeguarding disclosure for use by the Local Authority)
- The type of redaction software used (we use more than one)
- The number of entries that physically require redaction
- Etc

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 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:

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