

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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

Date 28th February 2025

Our Ref FOI 2025-214

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18th February 2025, concerning providing intelligence and call reference numbers.

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 and our response:

1) If somebody calls 101 to report that in around an hour's time a member of their family will be driving to a specified destination, under the influence of cannabis, having firsthand that afternoon witnessed them smoking a joint, could a reference number be provided to the caller, so that once they have observed the individual leave their home and begin to drive, they can phone 999 and provide the reference to the call handler, therefore negating the need to communicate details such as the VRM and thus reducing the time for a unit to be dispatched therefore increasing the likelihood of a unit being able to pull the driver over to administer a roadside drugs test before they reach their destination

This question engages s8(1)(c) of the Act since the question is asking for an opinion / speculation, not for information held by the Force, and therefore it is not considered valid.

Under our section 16 duty to assist and following consultation with our Contact Centre - in theory - a log number "could" be provided, however it may be just as effective to call 999 at the point of an individual being in the car driving. Additionally, if this type of matter is a regular occurrence, an individual can contact us to provide intelligence where a reference number would also be provided.

2) Please provide the format of the reference generated from 101 calls, which can be provided by the call handler to the caller, if requested. I.e. A STORM reference is in the format of FF-DDMMYYYY-NN (Force, Date, Reference); e.g. NC-04072024-123. An ATHENA reference is the format of FF/NNNNN/YY (Force, Reference, Year) e.g. 36/123/24 (36 being Norfolk's specific national identifier).

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Our call log references are in the following format : POL, backwards date, reference (i.e. using 28th February 2025 as an example - POL-20250228-XXXX).

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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