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Our ref: FOI 2025-302

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th March 2025 regarding stab vests

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 Facilities at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and our response):

Please can you provide clarity on Wiltshire Police's stance on the "new MK3 stab vests" that have been approved by the college of policing and rolled out to most other forces.

1. Will these be purchased? **Yes**
2. When will they be purchased? **They have already been purchased**
3. Have the orders already been made? **Yes**
4. How many will be obtained? **We have so far ordered circa 200 sets of the new armour. Orders will continue to be placed as and when stock is required**
5. What colour scheme will be purchased? **Black**
6. Will they be molle vests? **No**
7. Please provide the exact name provided on the link above if these are going to be purchased **Plain Black Waistcoat**
8. When will they be rolled out to response teams? **The new armour will be supplied to all teams on a soft roll out. Replacing the old-style armour as and when stock is used up.**
9. Can you provide a justification for not already rolling these out given the extra protection and healthcare benefits that they offer officers? **The Force made the**

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decision to keep to the standard style of armour without the added knife protection. These armours still meet the current home office standards.

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