

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 02/06/2025

Our ref **FOI 2025/360**

Reply contact name is:

Dear *****,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 01/04/2025, concerning driving without a licence.

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, searches were conducted with Justice Traffic of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding offences related to driving without a valid licence within your jurisdiction. Specifically, I would like to request the following data for the period between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2024:

1. The total number of recorded offences where individuals were found to be driving without a valid licence
2. The number of arrests made for driving without a valid licence
3. The number of individuals who were caught driving with an expired licence
4. The number of fines issued for driving without a licence, an expired licence or a valid licence, along with the total value of fines imposed
5. The number of individuals who received a driving ban due to driving without a licence
6. The number of cases involving breaches of provisional licence terms

Response:

Please note:

The Notices column is for FPNs/TORs issued for this period and the Niche offences are for those taken to court

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Please note if a FPN/TOR is not complied with then notices can appear in both columns

Notices issued between 01/01/2020 – 01/01/2025

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Offences
RT88334	Drive a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence - endorsable offence	457	2211
	Total	457	2211
RT88507	Drive a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence - non-endorsable offence	58	223
	Total	58	223
RT88139	Drive a motor vehicle on a road after refusal of grant / revocation of driving licence on account of disability	0	103
	Total	0	103
Total		515	2537

Q2 – Currently we are unable identify the number of actual arrests made for this offence.

Q3 We do not keep data on though caught with an expired licence – although the offence RT88507 is where a licence is expired and the person could just apply for a new one so this could be the best guide for this query

Q4 Any data on fines would best be requested from HMCTS as they are the people who would obtain this and be best able to answer this query

Q5 Again the court are the only people who can ban an individual from driving so they would best be able to answer this query

Q6 To identify this query precisely we would have to go through all the data for the RT88334 offences and this would take in excess of the set hours to establish

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

No information held

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.



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 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.

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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 you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>