

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXX – By email

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Our Ref FOI 2025-476

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 9th May 2025 concerning PPDA conduct cases.

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 Professional Standards Department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information act to request data you have recorded on conduct investigations into police perpetrated domestic abuse (PPDA) led by your police force, from 1 January 2021 to 31 April 2025.

Specifically, I request the following information. Please send the response in an Excel spreadsheet.

1) PPDA CONDUCT CASES. The number of conduct cases instigated against police officers, and the number of individual officers they relate to, involving domestic abuse from 1 January 2021 to 31 April 2025

If your force does not have a specific flag used on Centurion to identify domestic abuse cases, please apply the methodology that you would usually use to identify and report on such cases, for example by searching for key words within the allegation summary field.

Please describe the methodology used. If your methodology is manual and time consuming to the extent that responding to the question would exceed time constraints, please limit your response to a reasonable time frame by starting with a later year, and describe the dates covered.

Please break down the number of cases by year and specify the number of individuals involved as well as the total number of cases:

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2) PPDA CONDUCT OFFICER RANK. For the individuals identified above, please specify the rank of the police officer

3) PPDA CONDUCT INITIAL OUTCOMES. For the cases identified above, please break down the initial outcomes of all conduct cases over the entire period (not broken down by year or rank etc).

4) PPDA CONDUCT CASE TO ANSWER OUTCOMES. For the cases identified above where there was a case to answer, please break down the action taken for all such cases over the entire period (not broken down by year or rank etc).

5) PPDA CONDUCT FORMAL ACTION TAKEN. For the cases identified above where there was formal action taken, please break down the sanction enforced, for all such cases over the entire period (not broken down by year or rank etc).

6) SIZE OF WORKFORCE. Please provide a snapshot of the number of police officers working for your force as of 31st December each year, and on 31st April 2025, by group of rank.

If that is not possible, please provide a snapshot at another specified date each year.

Our response:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this request is exempt by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 40(2) - Personal data

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to articulate the harm or conduct a Public Interest test.

Information which constitutes personal data is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOIA if it relates to a third party, and the disclosure to the public would contravene the data protection principles set out in Section 34 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of the GDPR.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to articulate the harm or conduct a Public Interest test.

Although to break the information down further would invoke Section 40(2), under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, we can provide the following:

Overall, from 1 January 2021 to 31 April 2025, 6 officers had complaints made against them for domestic abuse. 1 was upheld and resulted in: immediate dismissal if they had still been a serving special constable, placed on the Barring List.

Number of police officers as at 30/04/25:

- External (Uplift) Officer headcount - 1237
- Internal Officer headcount – 1201

Please note, the difference between these two counts accounts for officers on career break or external secondments.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, 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.

Exemptions applied:

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Section 40(2) - Personal Information

In accordance with Section 17 of the Act, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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