

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 30/05/2025

Our ref **FOI 2025/489**

Reply contact name is:

Dear *****,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 13/05/2025 concerning driving whilst using a mobile phone.

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 and Collisions of Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

How many incidents were recorded in 2023/24 and 2024/25 under the code RV86019 (Use a handheld [mobile phone or handheld device] while driving)? Please break the results down by year and broad location (e.g. town)

Which ten roads in the region had the most RV86019 incidents? Please provide the number of incidents on each of the ten roads.

In each year, how many incidents resulted in the following outcomes:

- Fixed penalty notice (please provide the total paid in fines if possible)
- License endorsed
- Prosecutions (please provide the total paid in fines after prosecution if possible)
- Cancelled/Not completed

How many RV86019 incidents resulted in an accident? Of those, how many led to one or more persons being injured or killed?

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How many incidents were recorded in 2023/24 and 2024/25 under the code RC86823 (Supervisor of provisional license holder use handheld device)? Please break the results down by year.

Response:

Please note: for 2023, 2024 and up to 28/02/2025 we have no further data for 2025 due to the data being incomplete.

Injury RTC's where 'Using a Mobile Phone/Handheld Device' is a Contributing Factor		
Year	Number	Town(s)
2023	10	Swindon (3), Salisbury (3), Tollard Royal (1), Chicklade (1), Coombe Bissett (1), Bowerhill (1)
2024	7	Swindon (2), Melksham (1), Royal Wootton Bassett (1), Bratton (1), Westbury (1), Warminster (1)
2025 (Up to 28/02)	1	Devizes

Please note:

Below is the data for the number of notices – however we cannot identify locations without going into each notice/offence individually and this would take in excess of the set hours

Notice Issued between 01/04/2023 00:00:00 and 01/04/2024 00:00:00

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Offences
RC86823	Supervisor of provisional licence holder use hand-held mobile phone / device - endorsable offence	4	0
	Total	4	0
RV86019	Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence	1388	329
	Total	1388	329
Total		1392	329

Notice Issued between 01/04/2024 00:00:00 and 01/04/2025 00:00:00

Offence Code	Offence Description	Number of Notices Issued	Niche Offences
RC86823	Supervisor of provisional licence holder use hand-held mobile phone / device - endorsable offence	1	0
	Total	1	0
RV86019	Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence	631	184
	Total	631	184
Total		632	184

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Whilst I can confirm Wiltshire Police do hold the requested information, section 12(1) of the FOIA states:-

Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The type of information you require is not stored in a way which allows for easy retrieval. As above, We cannot identify exact locations without going into each notice / offence individually.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it. Therefore the whole of the request falls under the exemption of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note:

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Forces may use different recording systems; therefore it may be possible some Forces can provide this information where others cannot.

Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. Due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved. In respect of other questions within your request, I cannot think of a way in which you would be able to refine these questions, as they may incite further exemptions dependent on what information we may or may not hold.

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:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

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 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.

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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/>