

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Police Headquarters

London Road
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Wiltshire
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Date: July 15, 2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/536

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28th May 2025 concerning out of court disposals.

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:

Please disclose, since January 1 2023, the use of out-of-court disposals for the following offences.

- * Possessing indecent images (any category)
- * Making indecent images (any category)
- * Distributing indecent images (any category)

For each of those three categories, please breakdown each offence by the method of disposal.

For example, how many were issues a caution, how many issues with a Community Resolution Order, and how many received NFA.

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Response:

	Possession of an indecent or pseudo-photograph of a child	Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation	Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent	Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation or for sexual gratification	Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	Threaten to share intimate photograph or film
Court Disposal	1		6	1	38	4
1: Charged			1		9	4
1: Summoned/postal requisition	1		4		29	
1A: Alternate offence charged			1	1		
Crime	23	12	16	19	197	12
New - Under Investigation	23	12	16	19	197	12
NFA - No Further Action	10	30	30	29	166	27
10: Police - formal action not in public interest					1	
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility					38	
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute					1	
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender		1	2	1	3	2
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but						1

evidential difficulties						
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	9	9	11	13	52	3
16: Victim declines/with draws support - named suspect identified	1	4	8	6	1	12
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired			1			
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified		16	8	9	68	9
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest					2	
No Crime	11	12	11	11	404	
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	3	9	5	8	12	
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	8	3	6	3	391	
Crime related incident					1	
OoCD	5	5	7	15	133	2
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been	3			3	115	1

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undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.						
3: Adult caution			1	1		
3: Adult conditional caution	1					
8: Community resolution		2		3		
8: Youth restorative disposal	1	3	6	8	18	1
Grand Total	50	59	70	75	938	45

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,

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.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

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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/>