

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 3rd June 2025

Our Ref FOI 2025-459

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2nd May 2025, concerning Legal Aid supporting documents.

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 Force Disclosure Unit at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

*** This request is a follow-up request to FOI 2025-422 - [foi-2025-422-legal-aid-supporting-documents.pdf](#). ***

How many letters were issued under the "Arrested for domestic abuse etc...." and split the numbers for those who had not been arrested but still got the letter from Wiltshire Police for legal aid.

Our response:

Please note:

- The data saved for the previous FOI request has been used to form this response.
- Each letter provided, the accompanying task notes and/or the relevant matters on the crime recording system have been manually checked to supply the data. For context, completing this task took approximately 17 hours to complete.
- The results are subjective to the individual checking the records.
- There is not a standard way in which the FDU respond to Legal Aid requests and each decision maker will respond in a different way. Often, the decision makers will not explicitly state which condition has been met, but usually the offence/s the matter relates to and the

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outcome of this (i.e. arrest, caution, charge, conviction, ongoing investigation, investigation but No Further Action etc).

- An individual may have been arrested for more than one offence at the same time. Where this is the case, all relevant offences have been included within one row but only one 'yes' response has been provided. If an individual was not arrested, this has been noted as 'no' or 'no - invited for interview'. Where it could not be established whether an individual was arrested or not, due to the way this has been noted on the systems, this has been listed as 'unknown'.

The data supplied has been provided in the form most commonly used by the FDU to respond to these types of requests (the offence/s concerned).

Offence	Arrested				Grand Total
	N	N - invited for interview	Unknown	Y	
2018	1	-	-	8	9
Assault by beating	-	-	-	4	4
Battery	1	-	-	1	2
Breach of bail conditions	-	-	-	1	1
Common assault	-	-	-	1	1
Threatening words / behaviour with intent to cause the person to believe unlawful violence would be used against them & ABH	-	-	-	1	1
2019	1	2	1	17	21
ABH	-	-	-	2	2
Assault by beating	-	-	-	7	7
Assault by beating Breach of Restraining Order	-	-	-	1	1
Assault by beating Common assault	-	-	-	1	1
Common assault	1	1	-	2	4
Common assault & DV	-	-	1	-	1
Common assault & threats to kill	-	-	-	1	1
Common assault Criminal damage	-	-	-	1	1
Not specified - DVPN served on grounds of violent / threatening violence	-	1	-	-	1
Not specified GBH w/out intent	-	-	-	1	1
Pursuing course of conduct amounting to harassment	-	-	-	1	1
2020	1	1	-	6	8
Assault (alleged)	-	-	-	1	1
Assault by beating	-	-	-	3	3
Common assault	1	-	-	2	3
Harassment w/out violence	-	1	-	-	1
2021	-	1	-	11	12
ABH	-	-	-	1	1

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Assault by beating	-	-	-	4	4
Assault by beating (x2)	-	-	-	1	1
Common assault	-	-	-	1	1
Common assault ABH	-	-	-	1	1
Criminal damage linked to DV incident	-	1	-	-	1
Domestic abuse / criminal damage Common assault Common assault (x2) / theft Damage caused to applicant's property	-	-	-	1	1
Possession of knifeblade / sharp pointed article in public place during a domestic incident ABH	-	-	-	1	1
Stalking w/out fear, alarm or distress Common assault	-	-	-	1	1
2022	-	-	-	3	3
Common assault	-	-	-	1	1
Criminal damage Harassment w/out violence	-	-	-	1	1
Rape Threats to kill	-	-	-	1	1
2023	-	1	-	6	7
ABH	-	1	-	1	2
Common assault	-	-	-	1	1
Common assault ABH Treats to Kill	-	-	-	1	1
Controlling / coercive behaviour	-	-	-	1	1
s18 GBH (x2)	-	-	-	1	1
Sexual abuse of a child	-	-	-	1	1
2024	-	-	-	5	5
ABH	-	-	-	1	1
Assault by beating	-	-	-	2	2
Criminal damage	-	-	-	1	1

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Harassment w/out violence					
Criminal damage					
Assault by beating					
Criminal damage					
Harassment & breach of a restraining order on conviction	-	-	-	1	1
Stalking w/out fear / alarm / distress					
Harassment & breach of a restraining order on conviction					
Harassment & breach of a restraining order on conviction					
Grand Total	3	5	1	56	65

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

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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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.

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

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