

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
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SN10 2DN

Date: 3rd June 2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/479

Reply

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10th May concerning remanded by the courts.

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:

1. How many defendants did Wiltshire Police recommend should be remanded by the courts into prison custody over the last 12 months? (April 2024-April 2025) 2. With reference only to the two-week period of Monday 23rd September 2024 - Sunday 6th October 2024, please provide:

- a) The total number of defendants Wiltshire Police recommended should be remanded into prison custody (i.e. via the MG7 form)
- b) Out of those defendants the police recommended should be remanded in custody, how many were actually remanded into custody by the courts?
- c) Please provide this data broken down by:
 - i) the relevant reasons for opposing bail (as selected on the MG7 form) and
 - ii) the most serious offence the defendant was charged with.

Response:Question 1

1,138

Question 2a

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Question 2b

Wiltshire Police do not hold this information, this would need to be requested from the courts

Question 2c

Reason for Opposing Bail	Most Serious Offence Charged
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Attempt murder - victim aged 1 year or over
Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm;
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Criminal damage to property valued under £5000
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail	Criminal damage to property valued under £5000
Commit offences on bail	Assault by beating of an emergency worker
Arrest offence was breaching previously applied conditions / orders	Arrest by a constable for breaking / likely to break bail conditions (on bail to court)
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail	Burglary other than dwelling with intent to steal
Commit offences on bail	Arrest by a constable for breaking / likely to break bail conditions (on bail to court)
Commit offences on bail	Theft from a shop
Fail to surrender to custody Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Breach a non-molestation order - Family Law Act 1996
Fail to surrender to custody	Theft from a shop
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail	Burglary other than dwelling - theft
Fail to surrender to custody	Possess knife blade / sharp pointed article in a public place
Commit offences on bail For the defendant's own protection	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit

Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail	Theft from a shop
Commit offences on bail	Arrest by a constable for breaking / likely to break bail conditions (on bail to court)
Fail to surrender to custody	Theft from a shop
Commit offences on bail Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail	Assault by beating
For the defendant's own protection	Engage in sexual communication with a child
Commit offences on bail	Possess an offensive weapon in private place
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Paying for the sexual services of a girl aged 16/17 - SOA 2003
Arrest offence was breaching previously applied conditions / orders	WA - WARRANT
Commit offences on bail	Theft from a shop
Commit offences on bail For the defendant's own protection	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail	Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit
Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Breach a non-molestation order - Family Law Act 1996
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Assault by beating
Commit offences on bail	Theft from a shop
Commit offences on bail Charged with or convicted of a violent / sexual offence equivalent to 14 plus years imprisonment in the case of an adult (youth only)	Section 18 - grievous bodily harm with intent

Commit offences on bail For the defendant's own protection	Concerned in the supply of a class A drug - other
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail	Theft from a shop
Commit offences on bail	Harassment - breach of civil injunction
Commit offences on bail Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Intentional strangulation
Commit offences on bail Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice For the defendant's own protection	Breach a Domestic Violence Protection Notice
Fail to surrender to custody Commit offences on bail Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm
Arrest offence was breaching previously applied conditions / orders	Breach of a domestic violence protection order
Fail to surrender to custody Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Criminal damage to property valued under £5000
Commit offences on bail	Drive whilst unfit through drink
Commit offences on bail Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Intentional strangulation

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

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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/>