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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 9th June 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 530

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27th May 2025 concerning Ketamine in Schools.

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 – having consulted our Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response)

I would like to request details of when the police have investigated allegations relating to ketamine in schools.

Please can you give me figures and reports for each of the academic years (September 1 to July 31) for 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and as much of 2024/25 as possible. For each year :-

How many times has the force investigated an allegation relating to ketamine in a school?

2022/23	0
2023/24	0
2024/25	1
2025/26	0 to date



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Please provide a summary of the MO section of the incident report with any personal data redacted.

Please provide the age and sex of a child said to have been in possession of Ketamine.

Please specify the age and sex of a child accused of selling Ketamine.

Please specify how many children have been hospitalised due to suspected Ketamine abuse? In each case please provide their age and sex.

How many children died after taking ketamine?

How many were arrested? Please provide the age and sex in each case and what they were arrested on suspicion of?

How many were charged? What was their age and sex and what were they charged with?

Your remaining questions are exempt under Section 40 of the Act.

Information about a third party is exempt under Section 40(2).

Section 40 is a class based absolute exemption, for that reason there is no requirement to articulate the harm in disclosure or a requirement for the public interest test. However, disclosing this information would breach the Data Protection Act 2018, specifically Principle One (Fairness).

There is no obligation on an Authority to provide any explanation or rationale when providing a Section 40 response, however in this case I am happy to provide some context.

A disclosure under FOI is effectively a disclosure to the world not just the applicant.

The disclosure of ANY of the above requested information could – alongside any information already known or currently in the public domain – lead to the following :-

- a) Them being identified or their suspected identification being confirmed**
- b) The exact nature of the offence details being made public**
- c) How they were handled by the Police being made public**
- d) Confirm the details of the investigation including any outcome**

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such 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.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 40: Personal Information

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your 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,

Nick Penny
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.pnn.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