

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXX – By email

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Date 25th June 2025

Our Ref FOI 2025-537

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29th May 2025 concerning MG7 forms.

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 Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

would you be able to provide me with a sample of anonymised, completed MG7 forms that recommend a remand in prison custody?

For example, the first completed form (which ticks the 'in custody' box) from each month of April 2024-April 2025, for a total of 13 MG7 forms, ideally with a note indicating all the relevant offences the defendant is charged with.

Our response:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), this request is exempt by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 40(2) - Personal data

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to articulate the harm or conduct a Public Interest test.

Information which constitutes personal data is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOIA if it relates to a third party, and the disclosure to the public would contravene the data protection principles set out in Section 34 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of the GDPR.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to articulate the harm or conduct a Public Interest test.

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Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, 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.

Exemptions applied:

Section 40(2) - Personal Information

In accordance with Section 17 of the Act, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for this particular 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,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker