

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
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SN10 2DN

Date: July 11, 2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/630

Reply contact name is:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 30th June 2025 concerning car accidents.

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 Justice Traffic Department of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You Wrote:

1. In the past year, how many car accidents took place? (Financial year 2024/25)
 - 1a. Can this be broken down by accident causes such as speeding, drink-driving, icy roads etc?
 - 1b. Can this be broken down by location (accidents in the towns that the force covers)?
2. What is the number of pedestrian casualties in reported road collisions in the past year? (Financial year 2024/25)
 - 2a. Could these casualties be broken down into fatalities, serious injuries and minor injuries?
 - 2b. Can this be broken down by location (accidents in the towns that the force covers)?
3. What is the number of pedal cyclist casualties in reported road collisions in the past year? (Financial year 2024/25)
 - 3a. Could these casualties be broken down into fatalities, serious injuries and minor injuries?
 - 3b. Can this be broken down by location (accidents in the towns that the force covers)?

Response:

The information that you are requesting for Questions 1B, 2B and 3B are not stored in a way which allows for easy retrieval and Wiltshire Police does not have the search facility to automatically gather this data. Our Justice Traffic Department have clarified that as there is a 'free text' area rather than a specific address, to ascertain this information for the requested time period would be to manually search and read each and every collision report individually to determine the town and road. This would exceed the 18 hour work limit to locate, retrieve and extract the data and therefore Section 12 applies.

However, under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, I can provide the following information for your other Questions:

Injury RTC's April 2024 - March 2025 involving a Pedestrian	
Injury Severity	Number of RTC's
Slight	3
Serious	41
Fatal	122
Total	166

Injury RTC's April 2024 - March 2025 involving a Pedal Cyclist	
Injury Severity	Number of RTC's
Slight	2
Serious	30
Fatal	112
Total	144

Injury RTC's April 2024 - March 2025	
Total Number of RTC's	1284

Contributing Factor	Number of Injury RTC's
Behaviour/Inexperience	
Aggressive driving	56
Careless/Reckless/In a hurry	315
Driving too slow for conditions or slow veh	1
Inexperience of driving on the left	5
Inexperience with type of vehicle	6
Inexperienced or learner driver/rider	74
Nervous/Uncertain/Panic	21
Total	478
Driver/Rider Error	
Failed to judge other persons path or speed	293
Failed to look properly	555
Failed to signal/Misleading signal	26
Junction overshoot	19
Junction restart	21
Loss of control	148

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Poor turn or manoeuvre	172
Sudden braking	94
Swerved	62
Too close to cyclist, horse or pedestrian	19
Total	1409
Impairment/Distractio	
Distraction in vehicle	66
Distraction outside vehicle	23
Driver using mobile phone	8
Fatigue	31
Illness or disability, mental or physical	46
Impaired by alcohol	71
Impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal)	28
Not displaying lights at night or in poor visibility	5
Rider wearing dark clothing	7
Uncorrected, defective eyesight	4
Total	289
Injudicious Action	
Cyclist entering road from pavement	10
Disobeyed automatic traffic signal	22
Disobeyed double white line	3
Disobeyed Give Way or Stop sign or markings	35
Disobeyed pedestrian crossing facility	7
Exceeding speed limit	110
Following too close	100
Illegal turn or direction of travel	9
Travelling too fast for conditions	58
Vehicle travelling along pavement	6
Total	360
Pedestrian Only	
Careless/Reckless/In a hurry	18
Crossed road masked by stationary or parked veh	10
Dangerous action in carriageway (eg playing)	6
Disability or illness, mental or physical	6
Failed to judge vehicles path or speed	27
Failed to look properly	68
Impaired by alcohol	7
Impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal)	1
Pedestrian wearing dark clothing at night	6
Wrong use of pedestrian crossing facility	5
Total	154
Road Environment	
Animal or object in carriageway	23
Defective traffic signals	6
Deposit on road (eg oil, mud, chippings)	16
Inadequate/Masked signs or road markings	5
Poor or defective road surface	16
Road layout (eg bend, hill, narrow road)	48

Slippery inspection cover or road marking	1
Slippery road (due to weather)	119
Temporary road layout (eg contraflow)	1
Traffic calming (eg speed cushions, humps, chicanes)	2
Total	237
Special Code	
Emergency vehicle on call	10
Other	16
Stolen vehicle	4
Vehicle door opened or closed negligently	2
Vehicle in course of crime	9
Total	41
Vehicle Defect	
Defective brakes	7
Defective lights or indicators	2
Defective steering or suspension	3
Overloaded or poorly loaded vehicle or trailer	2
Tyres illegal, defective or under inflated	12
Total	26
Vision Affected	
Buildings, road signs, street furniture	3
Dazzling headlights	5
Dazzling sun	55
Rain, sleet, snow, or fog	22
Road layout (eg bend, winding road, hill crest)	26
Spray from other vehicles	1
Stationary or parked vehicle	33
Vegetation	8
Vehicle blind spot	30
Visor or windscreen dirty, scratched or frosted etc.	2
Total	185

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 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents 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,

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

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

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>