

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 10/07/2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/384

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/04/2025 concerning the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as Clare's Law).

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 with **Response:**

This is a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as Clare's Law).

Please provide the following data from 2014 up until the most current date available, broken down by calendar year.

If data as early as 2014 is not available, please provide it from the first available date onwards.

In the event that you decide answering me in full would exceed the cost limit, please answer what you can, prioritising my requests in the order I have asked them. Please provide annual totals of:

1. All applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

2014 = 131

2015 = 179

2016 = 248

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2017 = 262

2018 = 305

2019 = 443

2020 = 531

2021 = 654

2022 = 662

2023 = 744

2024 = 907

2. "Right to know" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

2014 = 86

2015 = 122

2016 = 169

2017 = 170

2018 = 184

2019 = 209

2020 = 186

2021 = 204

2022 = 160

2023 = 109

2024 = 169

3. The number of disclosures made after a "right to know" application

2014 = 33

2015 = 78

2016 = 57

2017 = 59

2018 = 69

2019 = 68

2020 = 71

2021 = 103

2022 = 53

2023 = 43

2024 = 87

4. "Right to ask" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

2014 = 45

2015 = 57

2016 = 79

2017 = 92

2018 = 121

2019 = 234

2020 = 345

2021 = 450

2022 = 502

2023 = 635

2024 = 738

5. The number of disclosures made after a right to ask application

2014 = 11

2015 = 15

2016 = 30

2017 = 24

2018 = 36

2019 = 74

2020 = 110

2021 = 148

2022 = 120

2023 = 178

2024 = 408

6. The number of disclosures made within 28 days of a "Right to ask" application

2024 = 150

7. The number of disclosures made after 28 days of a "Right to ask" application

2024 = 265

8. The longest time it took for a "right to ask" disclosure to be provided

179 days. This was complicated due to initial difficulties making contact with the PAR (Person at risk). They were in hospital for a while. Upon discharge, they went to another police force's area with the Subject. There was a significant period of time where police and Social Services could not establish a safe contact to deliver the disclosure

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.



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/>