

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
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Date: 16/07/2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/640

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/07/2025 concerning misconduct hearings and findings in relation to former PC's Storm Brand and Gabriella Gilchrist.

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:

You have removed the findings and the data attached to the process and dismissal of former serving officers PC Storm Brand and PC Gabriella Gilchrist both sacked for Gross Misconduct and placed on the barring list.

I am aware of the Police Conduct Regulations 2020 (PCR 2020) Section 43. I am aware also of section 8 of those regulations.

Currently there are publications of officers dismissed earlier and also prior to the dismissal of both of these officers.

It seems you have cherry picked to remove the details of both of these officers dismissals, the findings of fact and the information in the public domain as fast as possible as soon as 28 days was up in compliance with section (8).

Whilst I appreciate that the regulations do not preclude decisions remaining published for longer than 28 days it seems bizarre and a bit like a cover up by the office of the Chief Constable to do some strange PR housekeeping by cherry picking the removal of the most serious cases while leaving other earlier dated dismissals (and barring) details online.

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There is a correlation between the number of UK press articles (34 in the case of PC Storm Brand) and 23 (in the case of Gilchrist) which seems to have upped the ante in the removal of these cases from public scrutiny compared to the other cases which in total across the remaining officers as a total of 11 stories published in the media.

I invite you to republish your findings copying the example of other forces who have chosen to do so and to maintain confidence from the public. This improves transparency and improves standards.

Please provide me the following information:

- 1) Who authorised the removal of these officer's cases and on what date ?
- 2) Was the PCC made aware that this was the case given this does not appear in the risk registers that are published and was the Chair of the PCC given notice in writing or orally or any other means that this was the case ?
- 3) Where now can members of the public find details of the cases of both dismissed officers ?

Response:

These cases were removed by mistake

The PCC was not aware of the removal of these cases

Misconduct hearings & findings can be found using the following link page of Wiltshire Police: [Published items | Wiltshire Police](#)

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 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

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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/>