



WILTSHIRE POLICE

By email.



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 22/07/2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/663

Reply contact name:

Dear ,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th July 2025 concerning the arrests of foreign nationals.

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:

Total number of arrests of people of the following nationalities for the years 2017 - 2024: Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Albania, Syria, and Eritrea.

Response:

Arrest Year	Birth Country	No. of Arrests
2019	Afghanistan	7
2019	Albania	15
2019	Eritrea	18
2019	Iran, Islamic republic of	18
2019	Iraq	10
2019	Syrian Arab Republic	0
2020	Afghanistan	14
2020	Albania	40
2020	Eritrea	19
2020	Iran, Islamic republic of	10
2020	Iraq	18
2020	Syrian Arab Republic	3

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2021	Afghanistan	14
2021	Albania	43
2021	Eritrea	13
2021	Iran, Islamic republic of	19
2021	Iraq	15
2021	Syrian Arab Republic	0
2022	Afghanistan	9
2022	Albania	64
2022	Eritrea	20
2022	Iran, Islamic republic of	14
2022	Iraq	28
2022	Syrian Arab Republic	1
2023	Afghanistan	19
2023	Albania	71
2023	Eritrea	9
2023	Iran, Islamic republic of	27
2023	Iraq	32
2023	Syrian Arab Republic	5
2024	Afghanistan	17
2024	Albania	84
2024	Eritrea	7
2024	Iran, Islamic republic of	26
2024	Iraq	30
2024	Syrian Arab Republic	3

Please note the following:

Not all arrests have a nationality recorded against them

Information is available from July 2019 onwards due to an updated system. Searching of this information prior to this date would deem your question unanswerable under section 12.

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

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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

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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/>