



Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 11/09/2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/ 702

Reply contact name is: XXXX

Dear XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 23/07/2025 concerning Breath Tests.

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 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:

Please could you provide the following data for your police force area:

1. The total number of roadside breath tests conducted in each of the past three calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 so far if available), broken down by month or quarter if possible.
2. The number of drivers who tested positive or failed a breath test in each of those years.
3. If available, a breakdown of breath tests conducted by local authority area, town, or policing sector within your jurisdiction.
4. The top 5 locations (towns/areas/postcodes) where the highest number of drink driving offences were recorded over the past three years.
5. Any available demographic breakdown (e.g. age group and gender) for individuals who:
 - o Were stopped and breathalysed, and
 - o Failed a breath test or were charged with a drink driving offence, in the above time period.

Response:

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 for questions 3, 4 and 5 is :

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

- (1) 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.

The information for question 3,4 and 5 is not stored in a way which allows for easy retrieval and Wiltshire Police does not have the search facility to automatically gather this data. If we were to carry out this request we would have to research and read every occurrence which would exceed the time limit of 18 hours.

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.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this could be achieved in this particular case. Therefore I am going to give the following information as a gesture of good will,

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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 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/>