

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 28/08/2025

Our ref: **FOI 2025/788**

Reply contact name is: XXXXXX

Dear XXXXXX

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 11/08/2025 concerning Tyre and Wheel Theft.

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for your entire police force area:

1. Theft from Motor Vehicle - Wheels/Tyres Please provide the total number of recorded offences of "theft from a motor vehicle" where wheels and/or tyres were stolen, for each of the last five years (2020–2024).

For this request, "wheels/tyres stolen" refers to any recorded offence where at least one wheel, tyre, or alloy was stolen from a vehicle.

Please provide data by calendar year (Jan–Dec) if available, or by financial year (Apr–Mar) if this is how your data is recorded, and state which has been used.

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If "wheels/tyres" are not recorded as a distinct category, please identify relevant offences using Home Office offence codes or keyword searches in the offence description (whichever is easier) and state the codes/keywords used.

If no breakdown for wheels/tyres is available, please provide figures for the nearest available category (e.g., all "vehicle parts stolen") and state the category used.

2. Monthly Breakdown

If available without exceeding cost/time limits, please also provide the above figures broken down by month for each year.

If monthly figures are not available or would exceed cost limits, please provide annual totals instead.

3. Offence Coding

Please include any relevant Home Office offence codes or internal category descriptions used in the extraction if possible.

4. Output Format

Please provide the data in a spreadsheet format (e.g. CSV or XLSX).

If any part of this request is unclear, or if fulfilling it in its current form would exceed cost limits, please let me know how it could be refined.

Response:

The information that you are requesting 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. To clarify, our business intelligence team have stated that ' Theft from a motor vehicle' is not an option to search within our data base, we would have to go and read each occurrence individually. There are over 6,000 occurrences within the database so they would only be able to read a maximum of 230 within the 18 hours time limit.

This request would exceed the 18 hour work limit to locate, retrieve and extract the information and therefore Section 12 applies.

Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, I would advise you of a way in which to refine your request. However, due to the difficulties as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this can be achieved.

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

(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.

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

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

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/>