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XXXXXX – by email

Date: 14th August 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 693

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22nd July 2025 concerning Speeding Offences and Vehicle Crime Data.

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 not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following data for the calendar years 2019 to 2024.

1. Speeding Offences and Fines

Please provide the following for each year between 2019 and 2024:

a) The number of speeding offences your force recorded (e.g., fixed and mobile camera-detected and officer-issued offences under Section 89 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984).

b) The total value of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued or paid, if held. (If payment data is not held, the number of FPNs issued alone is sufficient.)

c) If available:

- A breakdown of speeding offences by day of the week, and/or

- Time of day (e.g. by hourly bands or AM/PM).



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Please provide whatever granularity is available; if only the date is held, that's still helpful.

2. Theft from Motor Vehicles – Wheels & Tyres Please provide the following for each year between 2019 and 2024:

- a) The number of “theft from a motor vehicle” offences where wheels and/or tyres were reported stolen. This includes full wheel assemblies, individual tyres, or alloy wheels.
- b) If available, a monthly breakdown of these offences.
- c) If held, provide details of the most commonly stolen parts/items reported in “theft from motor vehicle” offences (e.g., tyres, wheels, catalytic converters, etc.).

If wheel or tyre thefts are not separately coded, please advise whether keyword search of MO/descriptive fields is possible, or provide the nearest equivalent data.

If your force uses different offence codes or terminology, please respond using the closest equivalent data available.

If fulfilling the full request would exceed the cost/time limit under Section 12, please prioritise:

- Total annual speeding offence counts
- Number of tyre/wheel thefts
- Total value of speeding fines (if held)

Our response:

The information that you are requesting for the majority of your request (namely questions 1c and all of Q2) is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.

With regards to Q1, the system(s) we use for recording Traffic Offences is a legacy system and is very limited with regards the information that is recorded/held electronically, most of the data around traffic incidents remains held in paper format on the relevant TOR (Traffic Offence Report).

In our Justice Traffic we only record the nature and date of the offence, not specifically the time (as there is no statutory reason for us to do so). This information is only recorded on the physical hand-written TOR (Traffic Offence Report) that is completed by attending officers at the scene of a given incident.

To locate the information you require would necessitate us locating and reviewing each and every Speeding TOR for the time period you require and firstly making a note of the information you require and b) creating new information.

Given the sheer number of speeding tickets offence tickets that are issued in a given calendar year I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed

the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

With regards to Q2, although our crime recording systems are fairly sophisticated and we have a number of specific fields in which we record given data related to a crime (eg victim dob, suspect ethnicity, outcome status, etc) which can then be used to theoretically undertake searches on to obtain required data, we do not have specific fields in which we record the following :-

- a) The type of item stolen
- b) Its' value

If held, this information would only be recorded in either the narrative of the crime log or in their supporting documents such as statements or associated other paperwork.

To locate the information you require, it would necessitate locating and reading each and every crime log recorded under the category of Thefts from a Motor Vehicle for the time period you require. Between 2019 and 2024, Wiltshire Police have recorded in excess of 7,200 individual crimes under that category.

Even allowing a very conservative 3 minute per record to undertake this task it would entail at least 360 hours to complete. Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

It should be noted that if one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below :-

Question 1

The total number of FPN's issued for speeding offences for the time period you require are shown in the table below :-

Year	FPN's Issued	Niche Offences
2019	270	441
2020	914	764
2021	1,401	805
2022	2,878	717
2023	9,092	1,204
2024	12,024	1,553
TOTAL	26,579	5,484

The figures for "Niche Offences" comprise two elements :-

- FPN's that have not been paid and have then been taken down the Court route
- Speeding cases where offences have been "crimed" immediately without the issuance of a FPN initially.

Because of the way we administer traffic offences, some speeding instances will feature in both columns in the table (where FPN;s have not been paid). It is not possible to split the Niche Offences out into those that were unpaid PFN's and those that were issued to Court immediately.

We do not hold any information in respect of the monetary value of FPN's issued or any penalty fines or additional charges that are levied when someone goes to Court – whilst we administer the tickets and "crime" the non-settlement of them, we do not administer the monies. Our response in respect of this part of your request os therefore – No Information Held.

Under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, we would recommend that you submit an FOI request to HMCTS (Court Service) for information in respect of the monetary values realised for FPN's issued and instances when people end up going down the Court route for non-settlement.

Question 2

At your request, we have undertaken "wildcard" searches for the keywords "wheel" and "tyre" in the summary description of offences recorded as Thefts from a Motor Vehicle. This has returned the following results by month :-

Month / Year	"Wheel"	"Tyre"
Jan-19	2	1
Feb-19	4	2
Mar-19	4	1
Apr-19	3	0
May-19	2	1
Jun-19	1	0
Jul-19	5	3
Aug-19	4	0
Sep-19	4	3
Oct-19	4	0
Nov-19	6	2
Dec-19	2	0
Jan-20	4	2
Feb-20	8	5
Mar-20	3	2
Apr-20	2	1
May-20	3	0
Jun-20	4	3
Jul-20	5	5
Aug-20	1	0
Sep-20	2	2
Oct-20	2	0
Nov-20	2	3

Dec-20	5	1
Jan-21	2	6
Feb-21	2	2
Mar-21	0	0
Apr-21	2	0
May-21	1	3
Jun-21	1	3
Jul-21	2	1
Aug-21	3	0
Sep-21	2	0
Oct-21	2	1
Nov-21	1	1
Dec-21	0	0
Jan-22	0	2
Feb-22	1	1
Mar-22	2	4
Apr-22	3	0
May-22	0	1
Jun-22	4	0
Jul-22	2	0
Aug-22	0	0
Sep-22	3	1
Oct-22	2	0
Nov-22	3	2
Dec-22	3	0
Jan-23	5	0
Feb-23	3	1
Mar-23	3	2
Apr-23	1	1
May-23	1	0
Jun-23	0	0
Jul-23	2	0
Aug-23	1	1
Sep-23	1	0
Oct-23	3	1
Nov-23	0	0
Dec-23	2	0
Jan-24	1	1
Feb-24	2	0
Mar-24	4	0
Apr-24	1	1
May-24	0	0
Jun-24	2	0
Jul-24	3	2
Aug-24	0	0
Sep-24	1	0

Oct-24	2	1
Nov-24	1	0
Dec-24	0	4

It should be noted that wildcard searches are notoriously unreliable for a number of reasons, such as (but not limited to the following) :-

- we are only able to undertake such searches on the abbreviated summary description of an offence (which is limited to some 200 characters) and NOT the full narrative of the crime log. If the mention of “wheel” or “tyre” is made in the body of the crime log but not in the summary description of an offence (for instance), it will not be found in search results run using this method.
- Wildcard searches are reliant on the keywords being searched for being spelt correctly – if a crime report includes tyre spelt as “tire” it will not feature in any search results

In all likelihood the figures returned using wildcard searches are invariably understated for the reasons listed above.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request in respect of questions 1 and 2 to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

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,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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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:

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Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
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SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.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:

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