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Reply contact name:

Dear XXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd July 2025 regarding the vetting status of serving police officers.

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 vetting at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

This is a request for information according to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It relates to reviewing the vetting status of serving police officers.

- (1) Since 1 April 2023, has your force introduced a vetting review policy, similar to Operation Assure that was instigated by the Metropolitan Police?

Please provide a Yes/No answer.

Operation Assure is the Met's process, based on national guidance, to consider dismissing officers who can no longer pass vetting.

If the answer is Yes, please proceed to the following questions:

- (2) In the time period since you instigated the policy and up to the present day, how many serving police officers have had their vetting status reviewed?
- (3) In the time period since you instigated the policy and up to the present day, how many serving police officers had their vetting status removed?
- (4) In the time period since you instigated the policy and up to the present day, how many serving police officers have appealed against the vetting review decision?

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- (5) In the time period since you instigated the policy and up to the present day, how many serving police officers have won their appeal?
- (6) Of those who won the appeal, how many have returned to full duty?
- (7) How many who had their vetting status removed are currently awaiting a hearing for gross incompetence or misconduct or gross misconduct due to their loss of RV vetting clearance?
- (8) How many who had their vetting status removed have had a hearing for gross incompetence, misconduct or gross misconduct due to their loss of RV vetting clearance?
- (9) How many police officers have been dismissed from your force for gross incompetence or misconduct or gross misconduct as a result of the vetting review process?

Our response:

- (1) No. For context, we adhere to the College of Policing Vetting authorised professional practice and now Regulations introduced in May this year.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and 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