

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXSent via email: XXX



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 28/08/25

Our ref **FOI 2025/728**

Reply contact name is: **XXX**

Dear XXX

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 30/07/25, concerning police call outs/incidents to further education settings.

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, searches were conducted with Business Intelligence of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote:

Please provide the below information for the following period every financial year from 31 March 2015 to 31 March 2025.

1. The number of police call outs/incidents attended at FE college premises by officers in your force. For each year, please give:
 - a. A quarterly breakdown of the number of call outs for each incident, please outline:
 - I. Crime type and category
 - II. Age and gender of individual or individuals involved
 - III. Name of institution where incident was recorded
 - IV. Whether an arrest was made
 - V. Outcomes. E.g. charges filed and state the charges, caution, no further action

Please note that further education institutions refer to includes general FE colleges, sixth form colleges, independent training providers, specialist post-16 institutions and adult education providers.

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Our response:

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

I must inform you to provide the individual ages requested I would be bound to impart detail which, if it were put together with other information you may have at your disposal, would inevitably lead to not only identifying individual parties but would provide you with a specified summary of the incidents they were involved with. As such the data would be sensitive personal data under the terms of the Data Protection Act of 1998 and therefore it is arguable that the request is exempt under the provisions of section 40(2) of the freedom of Information Act.

Information which constitutes personal data is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOIA if it relates to a third party, and the disclosure to the public would contravene the data protection principles set out in Section 34 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of the GDPR.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to articulate the harm or conduct a Public Interest test.

However, to assist you as best I can, but maintain the rights and entitlements of those individuals; I am prepared to share a summary as a separate PDF document providing information for the other queries requested.

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 Fol 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.

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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/>