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XXXXXX – by email

Date: 15th September 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 754

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th August 2025 concerning Speeding Offences and Fines.

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:

Total number (and monetary amount) of fines issued for speeding, over a 12-month period [between June 2024 - June 2025].

Broken down by age of driver if possible (ignore this part of the request if not).

Our response:

Some of the information that you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.

With regards to Q2, 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 details of the driver's age (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.



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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 number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for speeding offences in the time period you have requested (xxx) – and allowing a very conservative 2 minutes per record - 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 :-

Month	FPN's Issued	NICHE Offences	Total
Jun-24	1022	147	1169
Jul-24	745	90	835
Aug-24	1018	142	1160
Sep-24	749	105	854
Oct-24	1396	166	1562
Nov-24	1070	118	1188
Dec-24	941	79	1020
Jan-25	643	79	722
Feb-25	1168	171	1339
Mar-25	2272	116	2388
Apr-25	2060	43	2103
May-25	1883	19	1902
Jun-25	1709	3	1712
TOTAL	16676	1278	17954

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 is 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.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request in respect of question 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:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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