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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 29th September 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 902

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18th September 2025 concerning Money Laundering.

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 – having consulted our Business Performance and Fraud Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and our Response)

1. How many money mules/money laundering cases have been investigated by Wiltshire Police in the last 5 years involving children or young people (under 30 years of age)? If known, how many of these children/young people were students?

The offences you describe are covered by the Proceeds of Crime Act and are reported under Home Office Crime Codes 38/1 to 38/8.

Since January 2019, Wiltshire Police have recorded 128 Money Laundering Crimes under these HO Codes.

Of these, none involved victims under the age of 30 (although it should be noted that in many cases there was either no victim listed or their age was not recorded) and 127 involved suspects under the age of 30.

With regards to how many of these crimes involved students our response is – No Information Held. We do not always record the occupation of an individual involved in an offence and - whilst we have a field on our systems to record occupation it's use is not mandatory and often this information will not be known, let alone recorded – we have no specific requirement to record this information. Any information that was held in the occupation filed could not be relied upon as being accurate.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

2. What is the average value of money transferred in money mules/money laundering cases that have been investigated by your force in the last 5 years involving children/young people?

No Information Held (see below)

3. What are the most common methods used by criminals to recruit money mules that have been identified by your force in the last 5 years involving children/young people?

Not applicable (see below)

4. How many money mule/money laundering investigations have been referred to the Crown Prosecution Service by your force in the last 5 years involving children/young people?

No Information Held

5. What is the approximately the average length of time it takes for a money laundering case to be investigated by your force in the last 5 years involving children/young people?

No Information Held

6. What is the average age and gender of money mules targeted under your jurisdiction in the last 5 years?

No information held

7. Are there any particular demographics or groups that are disproportionately targeted by money laundering/money mule schemes in you jurisdiction?

Not applicable

8. Does your force participate in any international, national or regional initiatives or programmes to combat money muling?

We do not currently participate in any specific programmes or initiatives around money muling. We do follow City of London guidance around cease and desist, which is the process for dealing with suspected money mules, and we have been undertaking such actions recently. Periodically there are also national operations to target money laundering which we participate in. This year we also participated in an international programme for cash recovery which had been moved abroad, albeit this is not money mule specific.

9. Do you participate in any educational sessions/training for students in schools, colleges or universities?

Our former Fraud Protect Officer designed a training input for secondary school children which was delivered in a school. Our new Protect Officer will be starting with us in October and will pick up more work on this. We also receive material as part of a national campaign to educate university students, but we don't have any universities in Wiltshire, so we try and use the same resources at college level.

Please Note

- **Where No Information Held responses have been provided it is because we do not currently record that particular detail anywhere specifically (or searchable) in our systems. It may be held within each individual crime occurrence log (or within other investigative notes etc) OR it may be possible to calculate it. However there is no obligation on an Authority to either calculate or create new information – where none currently exists today – simply to answer an FOI request.**
- **Where Not Applicable responses have been provided it is because your request is asking for an opinion and there is no obligation or duty on an Authority to provide an opinion in response to a question submitted under the FOI process. Under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant we would suggest that the information you require could most likely be found if you undertook open searches for it on-line.**
- **The vast majority of Fraud cases are reported to Action Fraud either directly by victims or referred on to them from various Police Forces. Action Fraud undertake investigations themselves and – in some cases – refer the request back to the originating Force to undertake any investigations. Due to this process – and under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant – we would recommend that your request might be better suited being referred to Action Fraud to answer as they would be in a position to answer your questions more fully.**

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,
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:

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