

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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Sent via Email: XXX



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 09/10/25

Our ref: FOI 2025/882

Reply contact name: XXX

Dear XXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/09/25 concerning access to archived footage or recorded data related to vehicle pursuits.

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:

Seeking access to any archived footage or recorded data related to vehicle pursuits (car chases) conducted by your force between January 2020 and December 2024.

If raw video footage is unavailable due to retention policies or exemptions, I would be grateful for:

1. Summaries or logs of vehicle pursuit incidents during that time
2. Details such as date, time, general location, duration, and outcome
3. Information on your force's policy for the retention and archiving of dashcam, bodycam, or CCTV footage in such cases

Response:

The information that you requested, namely in relation to questions 1 and 2, is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. Our pursuit debrief forms are not stored centrally and are submitted via email to the relevant individual. To provide a response to your request would require manually interrogating each email received during the 4-year request

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period. There are approximately 50 reports received per year, meaning there would be around 200 reports submitted during the 4-year requested period. If 5 minutes were spent per record, it would take approximately 16.6 hours to check every report recorded. This, coupled with the time already spent retrieving other information relevant to your request, exceeds the time obligation upon the authority to comply with your request.

Please note:

If one part of the request engages in a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage in a Section 12 response. The reason being is because locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Forces may use different recording systems; therefore, it may be possible that some forces can provide this information where others cannot.

Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. Due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of any way in which this could be achieved.

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 can provide you with is documented below:

Answer for question 3-

Digital media footage such as Body Worn Video (BWV) and CCTV is held on our Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS). All digital evidence uploaded to DEMS must be marked as either, Evidential or Non-Evidential. Digital evidence marked as 'Evidential' it will be retained in line with the Management of Police Information (MoPI) for the duration of the offence, which varies. Digital evidence marked as 'Non-Evidential' will only remain on the system for 31 days, it is then moved to an archived space for a further 14 days, before being deleted. Dashcam is stored on the Wiltshire Police Niche system, it is held for six years then as above will be retained in line with the Management of Police Information (MoPI) for the duration of the offence.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed on to me and Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires 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

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely
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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 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

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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/>