

# WILTSHIRE POLICE



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Sent via email: XXX



## Police Headquarters

London Road  
DEVIZES  
Wiltshire  
SN10 2DN

Date: 16/10/25

Our ref: **FOI 2025/906**

Reply contact name is: XXX

Dear XXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/09/25 concerning careless or dangerous driving regarding driving too slowly.

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 the department of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered, and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

### You wrote:

A driver in the UK may be charged with an offence for **driving too SLOWLY**, typically recorded as 'careless driving' or 'dangerous driving'.

- How many careless driving/dangerous case/driving offences have been recorded by your force that also reference driving too 'slow' or too 'slowly'.
- Could I have a breakdown of those figures going back five years (specifically for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 so far).
- Of any recorded cases, are you able to state the name of the road in which the offence took place.
- If possible, please state the AGE of the driver charged with the offence
- Please also provide any details about the nature of the charge (ie, fine, fixed penalty notice, etc).

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**Response:**

The information that you have requested is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval. Wiltshire Police does not have a specific crime classification for driving dangerous/driving offences that refer to driving 'too slow' or too 'slowly'. Therefore, these offences are recorded under the general code for driving offences. Additionally, we do not currently have the capability within our systems to specifically record information which may otherwise enable easier searches. This includes recording the area in which the slow driving incident took place, the age of the drivers and the outcome of these occurrences, these details would only be included within each individual crime report.

To establish this information would require manually reviewing each occurrence recorded as 'dangerous driving' and/or 'driving offence' within the requested period to determine whether the occurrence related to a slow driving offence. Therefore, reviewing these individual occurrences over the requested 5-year period would be thousands of road incidents and would succeed 18.5 hours of work.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this 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 request.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed on 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

**Force Disclosure Decision Maker**

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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](mailto: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**

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](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk)

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>