

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 03/10/2025

Our ref **FOI 2025/922**

Reply contact name is: XXXX

Dear XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 30/09/2025, concerning offences recorded involving dating apps.

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 XXXXXX of Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

For each of the 3 points listed below please provide breakdown by year –2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. Please treat each year as a calendar year from Jan-Dec. For 2025 please use Jan-September inclusive.

- 1) How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Tinder” has been used? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)?
- 2) How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Hinge” has been used? (ie where the term Hinge has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)?
- 3) How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Dating app” has been used? (ie where the term Dating app has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)?

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When providing the data, please can you specify the nature of the crime (eg. sexual assault) and whether it resulted in a charge (y/n) and whether it resulted in a conviction (y/n).

Our response:

Please note the following points:

- 2025 data is provided up until the 30/9/25
- The data has been pulled by using a wildcard search on Tinder, Hinge an Dating App.
- All occurrences have been checked to see if relevant to the request. Any non-relevant such as 'kicked door off its hinges' etc have been removed.
- Please note that a number of investigations are still open and under investigation, so the number charged is not the final number.
- We do not hold conviction data so the requestor will need to ask the courts for this.

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Distinct Count of OccNo - Tinder	2022	2023	2024	2025
Blackmail	3	3	3	3
Harassment	2			1
Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking				1
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	1	1		
Sexual assault of a female 13 or over by penetration (S2, SOA 2003)	1			
Grand Total	7	4	3	5

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Distinct Count of OccNo - Hinge	2022	2023	2024	2025
Blackmail	2	3		2
Sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety			1	
Grand Total	2	3	1	2

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Distinct Count of OccNo - Dating App	2022	2023	2024	2025
Blackmail	4	6	3	3
Breach of Stalking Order/Interim Stalking Order				1
Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate family relationship				1
Harassment	1	2	1	1
Kidnapping/Hijacking/False Imprisonment	1			

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Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking				1
Rape of a female aged 16 or over		2		
Rape of a male child under 13 by a male				1
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over		1		
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress			1	
Stalking without fear/alarm/distress	1			
Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	1			
Grand Total	8	11	5	8

To date there have been no charges for the above, but there are a number still under investigation

Count of PersonId	2022	2023	2024	2025
F	2	4	2	3
M	14	14	7	11
Not Recorded	1			1
Grand Total	17	18	9	15

Count of PersonId	2022	2023	2024	2025
16		1		
17				1
18	2	2	1	1
19	2			1
21	1	1	1	
22	2	1		3
23	3	1	1	
24		1	1	
25	2	2		1
26	1			1
27		1		1
28		1	2	1
30		2	1	
31		1		1
32		2	1	
35				1
37		1		
42	2			
44		1		
51				1
52	1			
59			1	
Not Recorded	1			2
Grand Total	17	18	9	15

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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:

[No information held \(regarding conviction data\)](#)

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/>