

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 22/10/2025

Our ref **FOI 2025/988**

Reply contact name is: XXXX

Dear XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 20/10/2025, concerning road traffic collisions recorded in the Wiltshire area.

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 Justice Traffic of Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information on road traffic collisions recorded by your force area.

Please provide data for the last three full calendar years (2022, 2023, and 2024) and for the period 1 January 2025 to 10 October 2025, or for the most recent period available.

1. The total number of recorded road traffic collisions within your force area in each year.
2. A breakdown of recorded road traffic collisions by time of day (e.g. morning, afternoon, evening, night) and/or by day of the week, if held.
3. A breakdown of recorded collisions by weather condition at the time of the incident (e.g. fine, rain, fog, snow), if held.

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4. For each year, please provide the five roads within your force area that recorded the highest number of road traffic collisions, including:

- A) The name of the road
- B) The total number of collisions recorded on that road during the year
- C) A breakdown of those collisions by severity (fatal, serious, slight), if held

Our response:

Total Number of Recorded Injury RTC's

Year Total Injury RTC's
2022 1380
2023 1353
2024 1262
2025 (Up to 30/06) 675

Breakdown of Injury RTC's by Time of Day

Year	Morning (5am - 11:59am)	Afternoon (12pm - 5:59pm)	Evening (6pm - 8:59pm)	Night (9pm - 4:59am)
2022	415	633	196	136
2023	364	622	223	144
2024	372	558	195	137
2025 (Up to 30/06)	216	283	100	76

Breakdown of Injury RTC's by Weather Condition									
Year	Fine- No High Winds	Raining - No High Winds	Snowing - No High Winds	Fine- High Winds	Raining -High Winds	Snowing -High Winds	Fog or Mist	Other	Unknown
2022	1070	132	1	16	17	1	13	18	112
2023	1036	155	3	16	25	0	17	18	83
2024	1011	158	0	13	17	0	10	12	41
2025 (Up to 30/06)	608	37	4	4	6	0	4	8	4

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Whilst I can confirm Wiltshire Police do hold the requested information, section 12(1) of the FOIA states:-

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.

The type of information you require is not stored in a way which allows for easy retrieval. Please note that Question 3 has been completed for Time of Day, however we cannot break the data down by Day of the Week as the data is not held in this way.

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In relation to question 4: The system we use to record Injury RTC's does not record the data in a way we could provide the roads. The system doesn't have road names as such, it has road classification (A, B, C, Motorway) and the road number. The road names are not listed so an unclassified road would be 'Unclassified'. To find the road names / area's we would need to manually peruse all relevant reports within the timeframe given.

Under the circumstances 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. Therefore the whole of the request falls under the exemption of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note:

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.

Forces may use different recording systems; therefore it may be possible 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 a way in which this could be achieved. In respect of other questions within your request, I cannot think of a way in which you would be able to refine these questions, as they may incite further exemptions dependent on what information we may or may not hold.

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:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

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/>