

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 26/11/2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/1004

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/10/2025 concerning false accusations by Wiltshire Police.

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 able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: I would like to know what procedures and policies you have regarding false accusations. Please could I have all related documents.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Please could I have a set of statistics for investigations and prosecutions of false allegations by Wiltshire Police?

REQUEST 3:

What would you like to know?: What procedures and policies do you have in place to prevent criminal behavior by officers in their line of duty?

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Response:

1: We have no policies or procedures dealing with false allegations.

2: We do not currently hold any offences of wasting police time, but there are 115 occurrences of perverting the course of justice since 2020:

Distinct Count of OccNo Column Labels							
Row Labels	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
-	4	2		3		2	11
DECORATOR	1						1
ELECTRICAL FITTER		1					1
LABOURER		1			1		2
NULL	33	27	9	8	7	6	90
STUDENT	1	1	1				3
UNEMPLOYED	2	5	1		2	2	12
Grand Total	38	37	10	11	10	9	115

On checking these occurrences, none of the suspects are listed as police officers / staff.

3: We do not have a specific policy or procedure covering the prevention of criminal behaviour of police officers. We have a number of policies (Please see attached list) governing conduct and behaviour which can be said to be aimed at preventing corruption and therefore criminal behaviour . I have attached a list if you think that will help. Police officers are also covered by the Police Regulations and the [College of Policing Code of Ethics](#). We have the Police Regulations 2020 but no policy or legislation can stop anyone committing a crime.

Acceptable Use Policy

Assessment Malpractice Maladministration and Plagiarism Policy

Attendance Management Policy and Procedure

Business Interests and Additional Occupations Policy and Procedure

Capability Procedure

Complaints and Conduct Management Procedure

Employer Surveillance Policy

Ethical Interviews Procedure

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Gifts and Hospitality Policy

Lawful Business Monitoring Policy

Notifiable Associations Policy and Procedure

Police staff Discipline Procedure

Politically Restricted Posts Policy

Reporting of Wrongdoing Policy

Sexual Harassment Policy

Substance and Alcohol Misuse Policy and Procedure

Taint Policy

Unmanageable Debt Policy

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

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/>