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Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26th October regarding suspect transport.

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:

In Gloucestershire if a suspect is arrested on a Saturday evening and released the next day (26 miles away from their arrest location) they are given a public travel pass to get home. This is then taken away when they ask for a taxi to be called at the suspect's expense as they say it is the police being nice and not a legal requirement.

I would like to know what your Force's policy is in regard to suspect's getting home if they are 26 miles from the arrest location and it is a Sunday when public transport may be limited.

Our response:

No information held. Wiltshire Police don't have a specific policy regarding transporting suspects that are released from custody, it is down to the custody officer's risk assessment as to whether transport is provided or not.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and 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.

Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Yours sincerely

Force Disclosure Decision Maker