

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: December 2, 2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/1039

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 4th November 2025 concerning domestic abuse.

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:

Section 76 Serious Crime Act 2015 (SCA 2015) created the offence of controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship (CCB). It came into force on 29th December 2015 and may be classed under police code 008/67 .

I would like to request the following information for the period 29th December 2015 to 1 October 2025. Please break those figures down by calendar year (or partial calendar year where applicable).

1. The number of arrests for coercive control.
2. The number of charges for coercive control.

Please provide the following information outlining the current situation for your force:

3. What training do you provide to officers regarding domestic abuse and coercive control (as defined in the Serious Crime Act 2015)?

Please provide details of the nature of this training, including:

4. Whether it is mandatory or optional.

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5. Is it part of initial training when officers join the force?
6. How frequently must they complete refreshers courses?
7. The number of your officers trained to handle domestic abuse incidents - including coercive control.
8. The number of your officers who have not completed this training.
9. Are you able to tell us how many of your current first responder officers have done the DA Matters First Responder course, and what percentage of your total number of first responder officers this figure constitutes?

Response:

Question One

Arrested	Distinct Count of OccNo
2016	13
2017	22
2018	24
2019	60
2020	92
2021	76
2022	100
2023	233
2024	226
2025	170
Grand Total	1016

Question Two

Charged	Distinct Count of OccNo
2016	5
2017	8
2018	9
2019	10
2020	13
2021	14
2022	15
2023	40
2024	27
2025	12

Grand Total	153
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Question Three

All new officers, first responders and PIP students receive training via powerpoint during their training

All DA matters training is via powerpoint provided by the College of Policing.

Question Four

Mandatory

Question Five

Yes

Question Six

No refresher courses

Question Seven

1032

Question Eight

11 however they are currently waiting to complete the training and are booked on for a course

Question Nine

I believe the same as Question Seven, however there is no information held regarding percentages (as we would have to create data to gather this).

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,

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.

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:

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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/>