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Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21st November regarding protests, demonstrations, vigils and other public assemblies.

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, research was conducted by Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered, and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and our response):

Please provide the information below for the period from commencement of section 78 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 to the most recent date for which figures are available, in relation to protests, demonstrations, vigils and other public assemblies.

A. PCSC Act 2022 section 78 and related conspiracy offences

For arrests made under:

- Section 78 PCSC Act 2022 – “Intentionally or recklessly causing public nuisance”; and
- Any related conspiracy offences, including but not limited to:
 - Conspiracy to cause public nuisance
 - Conspiracy to interfere with key national infrastructure
 - Conspiracy to commit criminal damage

For each of the above, please state (where held):

1. Total number of arrests. **14**
2. Number of suspects charged directly by the police (without CPS charging decision). **6**
3. Number of cases referred to the CPS for a charging decision. **2**
4. Number of suspects charged following CPS authorisation. **1**

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5. Number of prosecutions resulting in conviction (if known to the force). [No information held.](#)
6. Number of prosecutions resulting in acquittal (if known to the force). [No information held.](#)
7. Where possible, please specify the statutory provisions used for the conspiracy charges (e.g. common law conspiracy to cause public nuisance, or specific statutory conspiracy offences). [No information held – This data is not recorded](#)

B. Equality-monitoring data

For the arrests listed above, please provide aggregate equality-monitoring data (where recorded), broken down by:

- Sex

	Distinct Count of PersonId
Female	7
Male	7
Grand Total	14

- Age group

	Distinct Count of PersonId
20-30	6
31-40	2
41-50	3
51-60	3
Grand Total	14

- Ethnicity

	Distinct Count of PersonId
B1. Black Caribbean inc Black British	1
NS. Not stated	1
W1. White British	12
Grand Total	14

- Religion or belief [No information held.](#)
- Disability [No information held.](#)

If no such arrests have been made, please confirm this

Please note, the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 sec 78 came into effect June 2022, Therefore data has been provided from this date to 31st October 2025.

Under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, I would recommend contacting the courts with regard to prosecution data as this is not held by Wiltshire Police.

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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.

Yours sincerely

Force Disclosure Decision Maker