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XXXXXX – by email

Date: 27th November 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 1122

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26th November 2025 concerning Intimate Images.

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 not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

I wish to request, as possible, Subject access requests for image-based abuse (sharing of Intimate Images and videos without consent) - Requested by the Force, of Tech Companies as part of investigation of crimes under 66B of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 and under 33 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015.

Please might this information be requested, if possible, from the period 1st April 2020 - 26th November 2025 (the previously requested 15 year period was excessive).

Our response:

The information that you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.

Whilst our crime recording systems are fairly sophisticated and contain a number of fields in which we record certain details about a crime (eg victim name, suspect date of birth, offence address, weapon-used etc), which can then – theoretically - be used to run searches on, we do not have any dedicated fields in which we record the following :-

- Whether a crime has involved intimate images or not

- The number of images involved
- Whether contact has been made with Tech Companies as part of our investigations
- Whether Tech Companies have provided us with images at any point during our investigations

If held, this information would only be recorded in the narrative of the crime occurrence log or in sundry documents such as statements, records of interview and so on.

To ascertain the information you require, it would necessitate each and every crime record having to be located and read to see if it met your criteria and for us to make a record of the details.

For the time period you require (1st April 2020 - 26th November 2025 inclusive) we have recorded the following volumes of crimes relevant to each of the Acts in question :-

Section 66B of the Sexual Offences Act 2003	132
Section 33 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015	237
Total	369

Even allowing a very conservative 5 minutes per record to undertake this task, given the number of records involved, this will take almost 31 man-hours to complete.

Under the circumstances therefore, 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.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such 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.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

- (1) 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.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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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.pnn.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

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
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