

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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Date 06/11/2025

Our ref **FOI 2025/860**

Reply contact name is: XXXX



Dear XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 04/09/2025, concerning attempted kidnappings and women being followed home in Chippenham.

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, searches were conducted with business intelligence, the control room, volume crime team, the intelligence department, and serious organised crime teams of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

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You wrote:

1. The recent attempted kidnappings and women being followed home in Chippenham, particularly incidents involving suspects who have been released on bail but no further updates (including names, photos, or information on investigation outcomes) have been provided.
2. The current investigation into these incidents, including any progress made and what has been done to keep the community informed about these serious concerns.
3. Local crime statistics:
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 - The most recent number of reported stalking and harassment cases in Chippenham and surrounding areas, and the corresponding arrest and prosecution rates.
 - Data on reported sexual offences in Chippenham and Wiltshire, and related outcomes (charges, convictions, positive outcomes).
 - Any localised data showing trends in stalking, attempted kidnapping, or women being followed in the Chippenham area.

Our response:

Caveats:

- No timeframe has been specified so data has been provided for 1/1/25 – 31/8/25
- The data for Q3a includes all offence descriptions within the Stalking & Harassment crime sub-group. A breakdown is provided so that the response can be given based on offences relevant to the request (for example not including false communication or controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate family relationship) or provided for all offences with the caveat that all are included
- Data is provided for Chippenham. For surrounding areas the requestor would need to provide a definition by way of a list of postcodes
- Q3c the data for 3a and 3b have been provided by month, offence type and detection status type for the requestor to see any trends.

Answers to question 3 provided under our S16 obligation to assist where possible:

Q3a

Stalking & Harassment Occurrences

Distinct Count of OccNo	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Grand Total
Breach of restraining order (harassment)					2	1			3
Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate family relationship	2	1	2	1			2	1	9
Harassment	14	9	8	8	8	13	11	8	79
Harassment etc. of a person in his home				1			1		2
Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1		3	2	3	3	1	1	14
Putting people in fear of violence (harassment)	2	4				1			7
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking without violence	2						2		4
Send communication threatening death or serious harm	4	3	1	2	1	1	1	3	16

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Send false communication with intent to cause harm						1			1
Send indecent or grossly offensive communication to cause distress or anxiety	2	1		1	2			1	7
Stalking involving fear of violence			1		1	1	4	3	10
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	1	1	1		1				4
Grand Total	28	19	16	15	18	21	22	17	156

Stalking & Harassment occurrences with person arrested

Distinct Count of OccNo	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Grand Total
Breach of restraining order (harassment)					2	1			3
Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate family relationship	2	1	2				1		6
Harassment				1	1	1	1	2	6
Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking			2	1	1	1	1	1	7

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Putting people in fear of violence (harassment)	2	1							3
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or stalking without violence	1								1
Send indecent or grossly offensive communication to cause distress or anxiety					1				1
Stalking involving fear of violence			1		1		4	2	8
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	1	1	1						3
Grand Total	6	3	6	2	6	3	7	5	38

Stalking & Harassment occurrences by Detection Status

Distinct Count of OccNo	1: Charged	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1A: Alternate offence charged	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	3A: Alternate offence adult caution	8: Community resolution	8: Youth restorative disposal	New - Under Investigation	Grand Total
Breach of restraining order (harassment)	3												3
Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate family relationship				2	2							5	9
Harassment		2		17	18	11		3		3	7	18	79
Harassment etc. of a person in his home				1								1	2
Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking	1		1	3	4				1		1	3	14
Putting people in fear of violence (harassment)					4				2	1			7
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment					2		1					1	4

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or stalking without violence													
Send communication threatening death or serious harm		1		1	1	7		1			2	3	16
Send false communication with intent to cause harm												1	1
Send indecent or grossly offensive communication to cause distress or anxiety						3						4	7
Stalking involving fear of violence					1		1					8	10
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	1			2	1								4
Grand Total	5	3	1	26	33	21	2	4	3	4	10	44	156

Q3b

Sexual Offences occurrences in Chippenham

Distinct Count of OccNo	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Grand Total
Arranging or facilitating the sexual exploitation of a child: child 13 - 17				1					1
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity		1							1

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without consent: male person									
Engage in sexual communication with a child						1		1	2
Exposure		1	1		2		3		7
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	1	1	1	2	4		3	2	14
Rape of a female aged under 16		1				1	4		6
Rape of a female child under 13 by a male				1	1				2
Rape of a male aged 16 or over	2						2		4
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over						1			1
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years	1		1						2
Sexual assault of a female child under 13	1			1	1		1	1	5
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	2	2	2	2		2	5	1	16
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over				1			1		2

Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent					3				3
Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation or for sexual gratification		1			1	2	1		5
Threaten to share intimate photograph or film	1								1
Voyeurism			3		1	1			5
Grand Total	8	7	8	8	13	8	20	5	77

Sexual Offences occurrences by Detection Status Chippenham

Distinct Count of OccNo	1: Charged	12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1A: Alternate offence charged	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	8: Community resolution	New - Under Investigation	Grand Total
Arranging or facilitating the sexual exploitation of a child: child 13 - 17										1	1
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent: male person						1					1

Engage in sexual communication with a child										2	2
Exposure				1	2	2				2	7
Rape of a female aged 16 or over				1	4	1				8	14
Rape of a female aged under 16					3					3	6
Rape of a female child under 13 by a male										2	2
Rape of a male aged 16 or over			1			2				1	4
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over										1	1
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years								1		1	2
Sexual assault of a female child under 13	1				2					2	5
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over		1		1	5	3		2		4	16
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over						1				1	2
Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent						1				2	3

Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation or for sexual gratification				1		1	1		1	1	5
Threaten to share intimate photograph or film					1						1
Voyeurism			1							4	5
Grand Total	1	1	2	4	17	12	1	3	1	35	77

Sexual Offences occurrences force-wide

Distinct Count of OccNo	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Grand Total
Abuse of position of trust: Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity - male victim aged 13-17								1	1
Administering a substance with intent			1					1	2
Arrange/facilitate sexual activity with a child - no penetration					1				1
Arranging or facilitating the sexual exploitation of a child: child 13 - 17		1		1		1	1		4
Assault of a female 13 or over by penetration	6	6	3	9	2	7	4	1	38

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Assault of a female child under 13 by penetration			2		4	1	4	1	12
Assault of a male child under 13 by penetration		1				2			3
Assault on a male 13 or over by penetration			1		1	1			3
Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over		1		3	2	2	2	2	12
Attempted rape of a female aged under 16				1	2			1	4
Attempted rape of a female child under 13 by a male			2						2
Causing a child under 13 to watch a sexual act by an offender over 18 years of age		1	1						2
Causing a child under 13 to watch a sexual act by an offender under 18 years of age	1	1		3	2	1			8
Causing a child under 16 to watch a sexual act, offender aged 18 years or over	1					1			2
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent: female person				1					1
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity	2	1				1	1		5

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without consent: male person									
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent: male person - no penetration					1				1
Causing a person with a mental disorder to engage in sexual activity by inducement, threat or deception - no penetration		1							1
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender under 18 years of age: female child - no penetration	2	2	1	2	2	1			10
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender under 18 years of age: male child - no penetration						3			3
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by and offender under 18 years of age: female child - penetration		1							1

Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: female child - no penetration	3	6	2	2	1	2	2		18
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: female child - penetration	1						1		2
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: male child - no penetration		1	1			2	3		7
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: male child - penetration				1					1
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over		3	4	2	2	1	1	1	14
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	3	2	3	2		1			11

Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	1	1	1	2					5
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years		2	1				1		4
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over					1				1
Engage in sexual communication with a child	9	4	6	5	9	5	7	3	48
Engaging in sexual activity in presence of a child under 13 by an offender over 18 years of age	1								1
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child under 16, offender aged 18 years or over					1				1

Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child under 16, offender aged under 18 years							1		1
Exposure	6	3	3	7	13	18	21	16	87
Inciting a child family member to engage in sexual activity: female victim under 13 - no penetration. Offender aged 18 years or over							1		1
Intercourse with an animal by a female						1			1
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. - offender aged 18 years or over and victim is under 16 years					1				1
Paying for sexual service of a child: female child under 16							2		2
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	37	24	41	41	42	40	55	31	311
Rape of a female aged 16 or over - multiple undefined offenders				1		1		2	4
Rape of a female aged under 16	9	9	5	8	8	12	14	7	72
Rape of a female aged under 16 - multiple undefined offenders								1	1

Rape of a female child under 13 by a male	4	3	7	3	10	2	5	1	35
Rape of a female child under 13 by a male - multiple undefined offenders			1						1
Rape of a male aged 16 or over	3	3	4	2	2	2	7	2	25
Rape of a male aged 16 or over - multiple undefined offenders							1		1
Rape of a male child under 13 by a male				1		3	1	3	8
Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation	5	7	4	4	1	3	2	3	29
Sexual activity with a child family member: female victim under 13 - no penetration. Offender under 18 years				1			1		2
Sexual activity with a child family member: male victim under 13 - no penetration. Offender under 18 years							1		1
Sexual activity with a child under 13 by an offender under 18 years of age: female child - no penetration			1	1			1	1	4

Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over						1			1
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years		1				1			2
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	1		1	1		1		1	5
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years	2	2	2	1			2	1	10
Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over			1					1	2
Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years	1						1		2

Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years				1				2	3
Sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder impeding choice: male person - no penetration								1	1
Sexual assault of a female child under 13	14	13	16	11	11	19	13	4	101
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	46	41	33	52	46	40	59	38	355
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over	5	9	9	9	4	8	7	5	56
Sexual assault on a male child under 13	5	4	6	5	1	1	4	8	34
Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent	4	4	7	3	4	2	5		29
Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation or for sexual gratification	3	8	6	6	6	10	5	1	45
Threaten to share intimate photograph or film	4	1	3	5	7		2	1	23
Voyeurism	2	2	3		3	4	4	3	21
Voyeurism additional offences (upskirting)	1		1			1	1	1	5

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Grand Total	182	169	183	197	190	202	243	145	1511
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Sexual Offences occurrences by Detection
Status force-wide

Distinct Count of OccNo
1: Charged
1: Summoned/postal requisition
10: Police - formal action not in public interest
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility
12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or mental health) to
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
1A: Alternate offence charged
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.
3: Adult conditional caution
8: Community resolution
8: Youth restorative disposal
Crime related incident
New - Under Investigation
Grand Total

Abuse of position of trust: Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity - male victim aged 13-17																					1	1
Administering a substance with intent									1			1										2
Arrange/facilitate sexual activity with a child - no penetration																					1	1

Arranging or facilitating the sexual exploitation of a child: child 13 - 17												1									3	4
Assault of a female 13 or over by penetration							1		5	14				1							17	38
Assault of a female child under 13 by penetration				2					1												9	12
Assault of a male child under 13 by penetration				1										2								3

Assault on a male 13 or over by penetration														2								1	3
Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over									2	4												6	12
Attempted rape of a female aged under 16									1													3	4
Attempted rape of a female child under 13 by a male									1													1	2

Causing a child under 13 to watch a sexual act by an offender over 18 years of age										1											1	2
Causing a child under 13 to watch a sexual act by an offender under 18 years of age												2		3	2					1		8
Causing a child under 16 to watch a sexual act, offender aged 18 years or over												1									1	2

Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent: female person										1												1
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent: male person									2	1		1									1	5

Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent: male person - no penetration												1											1
Causing a person with a mental disorder to engage in sexual activity by inducement, threat or deception - no penetration											1												1

Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender under 18 years of age: female child - no penetration										1	3		1		2	2					1				10
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Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender under 18 years of age: male child - no penetration								1								1							1	3
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Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by and offender under 18 years of age: female child - penetration													1								1
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: female child - no penetration	2										5		4							7	18

Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: female child - penetration										1											1	2
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: male child - no penetration									1			2		1							3	7

Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: male child - penetration										1												1
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over	1								1	1		5		1							5	14

Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years										1	2		1		2	1	1						3	11
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Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over											1		1		1								2	5
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Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years										1			1								1		1		4
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Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over												1											1
Engage in sexual communication with a child	3								2	1		10		1	1	1	1					28	48

Engaging in sexual activity in presence of a child under 13 by an offender over 18 years of age											1												1
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child under 16, offender aged 18 years or over													1										1

Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child under 16, offender aged under 18 years																						1	1
Exposure	7				2				7	10		21		2	3		1					34	87
Inciting a child family member to engage in sexual activity: female victim under 13 - no penetration. Offender aged 18 years or over																						1	1

Intercourse with an animal by a female																					1	1
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. - offender aged 18 years or over and victim is under 16 years																					1	1
Paying for sexual service of a child: female child under 16																					2	2
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	3					1	15		22	95		7	1								167	311

Rape of a female aged 16 or over - multiple undefined offenders												1									3	4
Rape of a female aged under 16	1				1		6		3	21											40	72
Rape of a female aged under 16 - multiple undefined offenders																					1	1
Rape of a female child under 13 by a male				1	3	1	1		1	7					1						20	35

Rape of a female child under 13 by a male - multiple undefined offenders																					1	1
Rape of a male aged 16 or over					1		3			2		7									12	25
Rape of a male aged 16 or over - multiple undefined offenders							1															1
Rape of a male child under 13 by a male																					8	8

Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation	1								2	2		8		3	1				1	1		10	29
Sexual activity with a child family member: female victim under 13 - no penetration. Offender under 18 years																						2	2

Sexual activity with a child family member: male victim under 13 - no penetration. Offender under 18 years																				1	1	
Sexual activity with a child under 13 by an offender under 18 years of age: female child - no penetration									1												3	4

Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over																					1	1	
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years														1								1	2

Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender 18 years or over					1																4	5
Sexual activity with a child under 16: female victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years									1	1		1		2	1						4	10

Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - no penetration, age of offender 18 years or over																					2	2	
Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - no penetration, age of offender under 18 years																1						1	2

Sexual activity with a child under 16: male victim - penetration, age of offender under 18 years																					3	3
Sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder impeding choice: male person - no penetration																					1	1

Sexual assault of a female child under 13	2			3			3		13	17		6		13	1				1		42	101
Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over	3				16	1	9	3	52	75		44	1	15	1		3		4	1	127	355
Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over	2			1		1	3		7	13		2		4				1			22	56
Sexual assault on a male child under 13				3	3		2							10	1						15	34

Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent		2							1	4		7		3	1			1	1		9	29
Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation or for sexual gratification			1						7	2	1	13	2		3			3	1		12	45
Threaten to share intimate photograph or film							1			8		3							2		9	23
Voyeurism							1		1	4		2		1							12	21

Voyeurism additional offences (upskirting)												3									2	5
Grand Total	25	2	1	11	27	4	47	3	138	294	1	160	4	75	20	3	5	6	13	1	671	1511

Exemptions applied:

Section 40(2) - Personal Information

Section 41(1) - Information provided in confidence

The information you require is exempt information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000(FOIA). I should point out that the FOIA is primarily concerned with disclosure of information to the public. Information that constitutes personal data is exempt under section 40(1) of the FOIA if it is about the applicant (you, in this case); or section 40(2) if it is about a third party and disclosure to the public would contravene the data protection principles set out in schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Any individual requiring information held about them can complete a Subject Access Application form 135 under section 7 of the Data Protection Act 1998. You are entitled to a description of the data we hold about you, the reasons we hold it and who it is likely to be disclosed to. This process allows the force to establish your identity prior to the release of any personal data.

Please see enclosed form which must be completed and returned with a fee and proof of identity should you wish to make a subject access request. (See guidelines on front sheet)

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Wiltshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information relevant to your request as the duty in s.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of S40 (5) (Personal Information).

I must point out that if you decide to complete form 135, it is my opinion, considering your request, that the information may contain reference to other individuals who would be identifiable. Section 7(4) of DPA provides that, where the disclosure of personal data about an individual would also reveal information relating to other individuals who can be identified, we are not obliged to disclose it unless we have consent to do so; or it is reasonable in all the circumstances to do so without consent.

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

Whilst under s1(1)a of the Act 2000 Wiltshire Police can confirm that they hold the requested information, it is exempt by virtue of s21 (Information easily Accessible Elsewhere).

Please use the following links:

[Arrest made after child approached by man in Chippenham | Wiltshire Police](#)

[Man suspected of Chippenham kidnap attempt is released on bail - BBC News](#)

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[Chippenham man arrested after alleged kidnap attempt | The Wiltshire Gazette and Herald](#)

[Arrest made in connection to attempted kidnap in Chippenham](#)

[Chippenham police investigation as 'children approached by strangers' - BBC News](#)

[Chippenham School patrols after 'suspicious' incidents | Wiltshire Times](#)

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 40(2) - Personal Information

Section 41(1) - Information provided in confidence

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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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.

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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
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/>