

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXX – By email

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Date 15th December 2025

Our Ref FOI 2025-1135

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 1st December, concerning gambling.

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 Justice Traffic and the Business Intelligence Unit at Wiltshire Police. Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

1. Does your force consider gambling-related activity as a potential contributory factor during the investigation of road traffic offences or accidents? (For example, as part of assessments relating to distraction, impairment, or driver behaviour.)

2. Does your force collect or record any information from mobile phones that indicates whether an individual was gambling at the time of an incident or collision? This includes, but is not limited to, gambling app usage, online gambling activity, or relevant notifications.

If so, please provide any recorded data, totals, or case references (anonymised).

3. Has your force ever identified or recorded evidence that an individual involved in a road traffic offence or accident had been gambling for prolonged periods prior to the incident?

If so, please provide any recorded data, totals, or case references (anonymised).

4. If your force does not consider or record this information, please confirm whether:

- a) this has never been assessed,
- b) this is considered outside the investigative scope, or
- c) limitations in digital extraction, policy, or data systems prevent such recording.

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Our response:

Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) requires Wiltshire Police to confirm or deny whether the requested information is held. To establish whether the information is held – in particular question 3 – would in itself exceed the time obligations placed upon the authority to comply (18 hours) and therefore engages section 12(2).

Under the circumstances 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. Therefore the whole of the request should fall under the exemption of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note:

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Forces may use different recording systems, therefore it may be possible some Forces can provide this information where others cannot.

Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. Due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires 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.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the withheld information.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker