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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 11th December 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 1137

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 1st December 2025 concerning Malicious Communications.

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 – having consulted our Business intelligence Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response)

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

From all arrests in the calendar year 2024 recorded by Wiltshire Police, where either of the following offences is recorded on the custody record (whether as the main or a secondary offence):

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| - | Section 127(1) Communications Act 2003 | None |
| - | Section 1 Malicious Communications Act 1988 | 35 |

please select up to 40 arrests using a neutral method (for example, a simple random selection or, if that is not practicable, the first 40 eligible arrests by date in 2024).

It is not practical to use a natural method or random selector to identify the first 40 records involved here as there have only been 35 occurrences in total. Details of all of these have been provided below.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

For each arrest in that sample, please provide:

1. An anonymised reference (e.g. A1, A2, A3 etc.)
2. The date of the arrest (month and year only, e.g. May 2024)
3. Which of the above offences is recorded (s.127(1) Communications Act 2003, s.1 Malicious Communications Act 1988, or both)
4. The existing short "offence summary" / "crime summary" / "custody record description" / "modus operandi (MO)" text (or equivalent field) that describes the communication or conduct

Please refer to the table below – all of the content refers to offences under Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988. There have been no arrests for the Communications Act 2003 for the time period you have requested.

OccNo	Arrest Month Year	OccSummary
1	Jan-24	Known male suspect has sent the IP messages that are abusive and insulting. The messages have caused her to feel distressed. Suspect arrested on suspicion of Malicious Communication and pushed her
2	Jan-24	IP's ex partner has made a call to their daughter stating that he was going to go to the address to smash the windows of her house and also that he would strangle the IP.
3	Jan-24	Known suspect has been making threats to stab the IP over social media.
4	Jan-24	Known male suspect has sent the IP a video on WhatsApp showing a female screaming and being decapitated. The suspect has threatened the IP by saying that it was him, the suspect, in the video and that he would tie the IP to a wall with a bike block. The suspect stated they know where the IP lives and the IP is next.
5	Jan-24	Known female has attended the address and kicked the door, causing the alarm to go off. Suspect has been sending the IP letters, making threats to stab him. This has caused the IP alarm and distress. Suspect arrested on suspicion of harassment.
6	Feb-24	Known suspect has made homophobic comments towards the IP during an emergency phone call to Ambulance.
7	Feb-24	Suspect has sent text message to aggrieved - TELL YOUR GIRLFRIND TO SHUT THE FUCK UP OR IM GOING TO SMACK THE SHIT OUT OF HER AND IM GONNA FUCKING SMACK THE SHIT OUT OF YOU. YO HAVE UNTIL TOMORROW TO APOLOGISE'
8	Jan-24	Known suspect has contacted the IP saying he will kill her after she said no to having sex with him.

9	Jan-24	Known suspect has sent message threatening to kill the RP's son via text messages and snapchat. In one of the messages the suspect is seen dressed in camouflage clothing, a gas mask and holding a large knife. The message reads "This is the last image a lot of people in this area are gonna be seeing soon. Then the scream, then the silence, good job done, n back home for my full English breakfast, I know everything. Get me my fucking compo money because I'm getting very angry"
10	Jan-24	Known suspect has sent unwanted messages to the IP of an abusive nature.
11	Jan-24	Known suspect has been sending IP verbally abusive messages. Calling her "a nasty cunt" and "Go fuck your own dad you gross bitch"
12	Apr-24	Known male has been sending threatening messages to the IP after he found out that she didn't abort his baby.
13	Apr-24	Known male suspect has sent IP abusive messages throughout their 2 month relationship and in the months following them breaking up. Suspect has previous called IP a "FAT AUTISTIC SLAG" and more recently said "IF YOU DON'T REPLY TO ME, I WILL TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR BABY DAD".
14	Apr-24	Known suspect has been posting the IP's address on social media, she has also said the IP "kills babies"
15	Mar-24	malicious communication with contact and the tone of his messages and calls became more erratic and abusive.
16	Jun-24	Known male has sent IP malicious videos being threatening and holding a machete.
17	Apr-24	Known suspect has been sending sexualised messages to the IP about her 7 year old sister.
18	Jan-25	Known male has sent messages to his ex-partner including, "YOU HAVE MADE AN ENEMY, YOU'RE NOW FUCKED", "YOU'RE FUCKED FOREVER" and calling her "CUNT" and "SPASTIC". He has said he will turn up at her flat if she does not put money in his account. This was after IP said she did not want him to move in.
19	Apr-24	Male suspect is messaging his ex-partner calling her a "child killer". IP had a miscarriage and suspect has been abusive in his messages since then. This abuse is causing IP's mental health to be affected and she tried to take her life by an overdose.
20	Apr-24	Known suspect has sent the IP numerous abusive messages which are grossly offensive. Messages include - "PREGGERS I HPE U MISCARRIAGE!", "HOPE U FUCKIN DIE" and "KILL URSELF U DUMB CUNT!".
21	May-24	Known female has called police to report her son had been suspended from school. Whilst speaking to an operator caller had become verbally abusive. Calling the operator a "CUNT" a "PEADO" and a "FUCKING SLAG"
22	Jun-24	Male and female partner have had a verbal only argument however on attendance female has shown officers offensive messages on her phone from the male. Male arrested for mal comms.
23	Jun-24	Male called ambulance stating that he has been shot, during the call he made offensive sexual remarks to the operator. Upon Police attendance male had no injury however was intoxicated. Male arrested for mal comms. DP detained S136 MHA whilst in custody on advice of health professionals
24	Nov-24	Known suspect has threatened to turn up to IP's house and "kick her door in" after the IP confirmed their relationship is over.

25	Aug-24	Known male has messaged the IP sexual messages and asking questions of a sexual manner.
26	Jul-24	Known suspect has sent the IP a threatening message stating "wait till I see you".
27	Aug-24	Known male has called the IP and made threats to rip the heart out of the IP's son and eat in front of her. Causing harassment alarm and distress
28	Aug-24	Known male contacted IP via text messages, stating that he did inappropriate things with a 12 years old. Upon attendance no minor was found at his property
29	Oct-24	Unknown suspect has set up a fake account swingers account using a Facebook profile picture of the IP and her phone number which has resulted in the IP getting messages and calls.
30	Oct-24	Known male suspect has made inappropriate sexual comments towards the IP (his child) in an online PlayStation party voice chat with the IP's friend's in. The suspect said "HAVE YOU WASHED YOUR BALLS?" and "I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR BALL UNTIL THEY ARE WASHED". This has caused the IP distress and he was brought to tears as his peers were in the chat and were then humiliating him for the incident. The IP did not go to school the next day as a result and he removed the suspect from the party chat.
31	Dec-24	Known male has called 101 5 times and been verbally abusive on all 5 occasions in one day. Known male has called 101 operators names using offensive language. Known male has continued to verbally rant when operators are politely trying to bring the known male back to his point of the call.
32	Nov-24	Suspect has set the IP messages saying " I CAN HEAR YOUR RAT" & 'YOU HAVE PRODUCED A PREMATURE THICK CUNT' AND I AM JUST TELLING YOU THE TRUTH AND IT MAY HURT - 'MY KIDS ARE PERFECT WITH OTHER PEOPLE' all in relation to the IP son
33	Nov-24	Known male has sent messages to an MP on social media criticising the way he laid a wreath at the cenotaph, calling his colleague "FAT PIG", referring to the police as "SCUMMY CORRUPT 2 TIER POLICE", saying "A HUGE SHAME YOU AREN'T AT WAR AND HAVEN'T BEEN BLOWN UP INTO A THOUSAND PIECES BY AN IED" and "DROP DEAD, YOU USELESS CUNT! I HOPE SOMEONE KILLS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, YOU LAZY OBNOXIOUS WANKER".
34	Dec-24	Known suspect has tagged the IP in a Facebook post stating context of "this man is a rapist how can you be with him" and has made unwanted contact with them
35	Nov-24	Known suspect has been making continued unwanted contact with the IP - Suspect has been calling the IP a "trans cunt" a "horrible little cunt" and a "skank" IP has also disclosed to attending officers that suspect has thrown a bag at her which has not connected.

Please Note

The data provided in the above table is based on the reported data of the offence (not the arrest date) due to system limitations – data for arrests under specific acts is only available via our crime recording database and not our Custody database.

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:

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Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
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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:

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