

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 30/12/2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/1189

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/12/2025 concerning recorded offences of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

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 able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

a) The total number of recorded offences of indecent images (still or moving) of children and prohibited images of children for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

b) The number of recorded offences which related to pseudo images of children or where Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated child abuse image was detected.

c) For each offence for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 please break it down by the platform used to commit the offence where known using the following key word search: Snapchat, Facebook/Messenger, Instagram, WhatsApp, X/Twitter, Kik, TikTok, YouTube, Discord, Skype, Facetime, Roblox, Oculus, VR, Metaverse, Only Fans, Signal, iCloud, iMessage, Dropbox, Mega, Patreon, Reddit, Imgur, and other social media or messaging site, other cloud storage sites and online gaming.

d) What is the total number of perpetrators linked to the offences in question a?

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Response:

Caveats:

- The data is provided for the following crimes:
- Possessing prohibited images of children
- Possession of an indecent or pseudo-photograph of a child
- Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children
- It is not possible to run a wildcard search for X as this will pick up all words that include the letter X
- The wildcard search only looks for the inclusion of the word and does not mean it's the platform used for sharing the image.
- The wildcard search may count some occurrences twice. For example if the initial communication took place on Instagram before moving to Whatsapp, the occurrence would be picked up twice
- The response for Qd is a distinct count of PersonID and some will be the suspect across multiple occurrences

a) x374

b) There are no specific offences for pseudo-photographs. The offence descriptions group photographs and pseudo-photographs together

c)

Wildcard Snapchat	66
Wildcard Facebook	14
Wildcard Messenger	2
Wildcard Instagram	13
Wildcard Whatsapp	11
Wildcard Twitter	3
Wildcard Kik	29
Wildcard Tiktok	9
Wildcard Youtube	15
Wildcard Discord	11
Wildcard Skype	0
Wildcard Facetime	0
Wildcard Roblox	0
Wildcard Oculus	0
Wildcard VR	3

Wildcard Metaverse	0
Wildcard Only Fans	0
Wildcard Signal	0
Wildcard iCloud	5
Wildcard iMessage	0
Wildcard Dropbox	8
Wildcard Mega	0
Wildcard Patreon	0
Wildcard Reddit	2
Wildcard Imgur	0

d)x241

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

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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.

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

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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/>