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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 9th January 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 1202

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29th December 2025 concerning Swindon Town Football Matches.

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 Specialist Operations Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- 1 Every public sporting event (specifically Swindon town fc) of which your force was notified in advance by an organiser or other party since 1 July 2024 and up until the date of your response to this request
- 2 The date(s) of the event, and
- 3 Please clearly state what the event was, for example [team A] v [team B]

Our response:

This is in regard specifically to matches involving Swindon Town Football Club as you requested.

Dedicated and Operational Football Officers will attend each 1st team match (as per APP guidance) but a Public Order Command and additional resources are only put in place for higher risk matches. This is then discussed with the club and agreements are made around resourcing alongside known Intelligence.



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Wiltshire Police generally do not get asked to provide Policing cover for matches outside of the First Team, namely matches involving the Reserve Team / Youth or Development Sides, Swindon Town Ladies side or for friendly and/or pre-season matches.

Information around 1st Team Matches since 1st July 2024 is exempt from disclosure under the following :-

- **Section 21 - Information accessible to the applicant by other means**

Details of Swindon Town First Team fixtures are widely available on various internet websites including the main website for the Club itself :-

www.swindontownfc.co.uk

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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Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk