



WILTSHIRE POLICE

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Sent via email: XXX

Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters
London Road
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Date: 10/02/26

Ref: FOI 2026/090

Dear XXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/01/26 concerning exposure offences.

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 not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

How many new exposure investigations were opened, how many exposure investigations were finalised, how many of the finalised investigations had a named investigating officer allocated, and how many were linked to an attending officer, in each calendar year from 2019 to 2025? I specifically mean offence title of exposure, rather than the wider offence category of exposure and voyeurism.

How many of the exposure investigations which were finalised each year were closed within a day of being opened? How many were finalised within a week of being opened? For simplicity please base this on dates rather than hours. i.e. opened on 1st of month and closed by the 2nd (date + 1) or opened on 1st and closed by the 8th (date+7) for example.

Of the exposure investigations finalised each year, please break down by offence outcome per year (outcome 1-22 or other/na), where for example type 1 includes 1A/alternative offence etc.

Our response:

The information that you are requesting for most of your request is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.

For question 1 related to "the finalised investigations had a named investigating officer allocated, and how many were linked to an attending officer". The only way to know

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if an officer attended in person rather than spoke to the aggrieved via phone would be to read each occurrence in detail. For the timeframe you provided this would be over 500 occurrences, which would exceed 18 hours of work.

Under the circumstances I am 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.

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

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I can provide you with are the answers documented below:

Question 1

YEAR	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS OPENED	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS FINALISED	OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS, NUMBER WHICH WERE ALLOCATED TO A NAMED INVESTIGATING OFFICER	OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS, NUMBER WHICH WERE LINKED TO AN ATTENDING OFFICER
2019	75	63	2	61
2020	70	74	1	73
2021	61	53	0	53
2022	91	76	1	75
2023	93	106	0	106
2024	72	75	1	74
2025	120	98	0	98

Question 2

YEAR	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS FINALISED WITHIN 1 DAY	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS FINALISED WITHIN 2-7 DAYS
2019	4	9
2020	2	15
2021	2	10
2022	4	10
2023	0	9
2024	4	6
2025	2	12

Question 3

Distinct Count of Occ. No	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
1: Charged	1	2	1	2	13	7	10	36
1: Summoned/postal requisition	1	4	2	6	5	1	2	21
1A: Alternate offence charged	2	2		1		2	1	8
1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition				1	1			2
3: Adult caution	1							1
3: Adult conditional caution							1	1
3A: Alternate offence adult caution		1						1
8: Community resolution					1	1		2
8: Youth restorative disposal						1		1
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility						1		1
12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	1		2	1	5	2	7	18
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill			1					1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender		1	1	1				3
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		7	1		1	1		10
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	16	16	11	28	30	21	20	142
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	6	7	5	7	14	4	17	60
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	32	33	29	29	34	32	34	223

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20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1	1			1	1	2	6
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	2					1	4	7
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.					1			1
Grand Total	63	74	53	76	106	75	98	545

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the 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.

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.



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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.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
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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