

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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Sent via email: XXX

Date: 30/03/26

Our ref: FOI 2026/237

Reply contact name is: XXX

Dear XXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/02/26 concerning Weekly Hate Crime Summary and NCTT hate crime data.

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:

Would it be possible to advise me whether or not it would be possible to send me the agenda, minutes and attendees for the weekly hate crime summary, along with NCTT weekly hate crime data since the 1st of January 2026?

Response:

I must inform you that the "Weekly Hate Crime Summary" is not a meeting, but a highly confidential spread sheet of data collated by a department in the force. The spreadsheet provides the weekly hate crime incidents within Wiltshire. This data is then shared with the relevant team for their information and review. The team disseminates the data to NCTT who produces national weekly statistics for hate crime incidents. The data gathered has details regarding the individuals involved with hate crime incidents and as this information is collected weekly, there can be a very small number of occurrences recorded each week. This would mean I would be bound to impart detail which if it were put together with other information would inevitably lead to identifying individuals, and as such the data would be sensitive personal data under the terms of the Data Protection Act of 1998.

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Please note that the NCTT is an external department that completes national outcomes for hate crimes, and therefore Wiltshire Police cannot share their national, confidential data. Please contact the NCTT directly for their assistance in what information they hold and if this can be shared.

In conclusion, the request is exempt under the provisions of section 40(2) of the freedom of Information Act.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemptions applied:

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Section 40 Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—
(a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
(b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.

(3) The first condition is—

(a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of “data” in section 1(1) of the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—

(i) any of the data protection principles, or

(ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and

(b) in any other case, the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A (1) of [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998 (which relates to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

(4) The second condition is that by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(c) of that Act (data subject's right of access to personal data).

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there are no requirements for any consideration of potential harm, or public interest in its application.

However, to assist you as best I can, but maintain the rights and entitlements of those individuals; I am prepared to provide you with the link below:

[Search - Hate Crime | Wiltshire Police](#)

This link is for the Wiltshire Police website where “Hate Crime” has been searched- there are minutes from previous meetings (historical) from the Public Service Board where Keeping Wiltshire Safe

advisory groups have attended. And fortnightly updates from the PCC which you can review if you so wish.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed on 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

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/>