

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXX – Via email



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Our ref: FOI 2026-249

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2nd March regarding digital forensics.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by Southwest Forensics.

Your request for information has now been considered, and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and our response):

Please provide the following recorded information held by your force:

1. The number of staff currently employed in roles primarily responsible for digital forensic examination (FTE). Can you also please number any vacant posts.
[21.5 \(including 2 growth posts from April 26\). 5 Vacancies.](#)
2. The most recent recorded figure showing the number of cases awaiting digital forensic analysis.
[216](#)
3. The most recent recorded figure showing the number of physical items awaiting digital forensic examination.
 - Can you break these items down by type e.g., phone, computer, tablet, storage device.
[Computer: 22](#)
[Phone: 276](#)
[Storage device: 4](#)
[Tablet: 10](#)
[Total: 312](#)
4. The item currently awaiting digital forensic examination that has been stored for the longest period, based on the most recent recorded performance snapshot or case management record held by the force.
Please provide:
 - the type of item (e.g., phone, computer, tablet, storage device)

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- The length of time the item has been kept in storage
[Phone, 44 weeks.](#)
- 5. The number of digital forensic examinations completed by the police force in the most recent 12-month period for which data is available.
[509](#)
- 6. Any recorded internal audits, performance reviews, inspection reports, risk registers, capability assessments, or other documents (in whole or in part) produced since 1 January 2022 in which the force's digital forensics capacity, turnaround times or overall performance were assessed, evaluated or scrutinised. This includes, where held:
 - internal or external audit findings,
 - reports prepared for senior leadership,
 - internal risk assessments or capability assessments, documents prepared for HMICFRS, NPCC, or other oversight bodies

[The information you are requesting is exempt by virtue of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information accessible to applicant by other means.](#)

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I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and 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