

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By email

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Date 28th April 2026

Our Ref FOI 2026-385

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21st April 2026, concerning management of violence against women and girls (VAWG) high-harm offenders.

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 the Offender Management Unit and Domestic Abuse Support Team at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

I am writing to request information regarding the management of violence against women and girls (VAWG) high-harm offenders within your force - specifically, but not exclusively, in relation to Offender Management Units (OMUs) that specialise in, or focus on, high-harm offenders.

For the purposes of this request, "high-harm" refers to offenders who pose a risk of serious interpersonal or violent harm, including sexual offences, violent crimes, and other offences with a high impact on female victims.

Factors Considered at Referral to High-Harm OMUs:

- Which static or historical factors (e.g., prior convictions, demographic characteristics, offence history) are routinely considered when deciding whether an offender is managed - within a high-harm OMU or elsewhere within the force?
- Are any behavioural or dynamic indicators (e.g., escalation patterns, substance misuse, relationship breakdown) formally used to inform this decision? If yes, please specify which indicators.

Decision-Making Frameworks and Tools:

- Are structured tools, guidance documents, or panel frameworks used to assess whether an offender should be managed within a high-harm OMU?

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Our Response:

No information held - Wiltshire Police do not have a dedicated high-harm Offender Management Unit (OMU).

Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved.

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,

FDU Decision Maker