

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
DEVIZES
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Date: 07/05/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/349

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/04/2026 concerning weapons and computer equipment lost and stolen.

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 able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please provide me with the following information:

1. The number of your force's weapons (by type) and explosive munitions that were recorded as (a) lost and (b) stolen in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025. Please break this data down by year. Please also break this data down by items which have and have not been retrieved, if possible.
2. How many computers, laptops, memory sticks were lost and stolen in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025. Please only provide me with data for items that have not been retrieved to date. Please also break this data down by items which have and have not been retrieved, if possible.

Please note that such data has previously been released by the Ministry of Defence, and hence is not subject to any exemptions:

<https://www.thetimes.com/uk/defence/article/mobile-phones-disappear-ministry-of-defence-security-60fcwdb0t>

<https://www.libdems.org.uk/news/article/mod-have-lost-744-devices-and-a-ww1-machine-gun-since-2023>

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2025257/extraordinary-security-breach-ministry-defence>

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Clarification received 09/04/2026

It has come to my attention that question 2 is quite confusing, as it states: "Please only provide me with data for items that have not been retrieved to date", before adding: "Please also break this data down by items which have and have not been retrieved, if possible."

To clarify, I would like for the data to be broken down by items which have and have not been retrieved, if possible (hence, the latter of the two sentences). Please feel free to ignore the former.

Response:

1(a) 2021-2025 0

1(b) 2021-2025 0

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Computers & Laptops - No data held for 2021 and 2022

2023 6 (unknown if retrieved or recovered)

2024 4 (unknown if retrieved or recovered)

2025 2 (unknown if retrieved or recovered)

Memory sticks

2023 1 Lost within a police building

2024 0

2025 0

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

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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

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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/>