

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 5th May 2026

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2026 / 404

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28th April 2026 concerning FGM.

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 – having consulted our Business Intelligence and VAWG Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response)

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide data relating to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) recorded by your force for the past five years (2021 – 2026 ytd)

1. Number of FGM-related crime reports recorded by your force.

Zero

2. Number of FGM-related investigations initiated.

n/a

3. Number of arrests made in relation to FGM.

n/a

4. Number of charges brought.

n/a

5. Number of prosecutions referred to the CPS

n/a

6. Outcomes of those cases (e.g., no further action, charge, alternative offence, outcome unknown).

n/a

7. Any safeguarding referrals made to partner agencies specifically relating to FGM.

n/a

However, within our MASH process the decision makers will identify any FGM concerns from the PPNs and then refer to partners. We do not have separate flags on our systems to indicate FGM concerns so it is not possible to provide any information on this without accessing and reading the narrative of any PPN report.

8. Any internal guidance, policy, or training documents your force uses for responding to FGM (if disclosable).

FGM is covered by and included in Modern slavery legislation.

Wiltshire Police have a Modern Slavery sharepoint (internal intranet) site with investigative guidance and helpful links to partners and agencies – this site is still under development however.

Training on FGM is included in new starter and PIP1 training under the general input on Honour Based Violence within the Modern Slavery theme. A copy of the Honour Based Violence policy is attached.

The Force also has a Honour Based Abuse policy – a copy of this is also provided.

9. Whether your force has a designated lead for harmful practices or FGM, and if so, the role title (not the name).

Wiltshire Police have a strategic Superintendent, DCI and Tactical Lead for both MSHT and FGM.

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,

Nick Penny
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.pnn.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
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