

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By email

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Our Ref FOI 2026-429

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th May 2026, concerning Officers reported for domestic violence and sex offences. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

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 Professional Standards Department at Wiltshire Police. Your request for information has now been considered and I am **not** obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

1. The number of police officers and special constables reported for domestic abuse, violence and sexual offences in the financial years: 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26. Please give a breakdown of the number with gender, ages and dates (month/year) of when they were first reported.
2. Of those reported, how many were:
 - Arrested
 - Charged
 - Sentenced
 - Subjected to a disciplinary procedure
 - Dismissed following a misconduct hearing
3. Of those offences reported in point 1, how many were committed against other staff members in the force? Please give a breakdown of the number of victims with gender, ages and dates (month/year) of when they were first reported.
4. How many police officers and special constables committed crimes against women/girls (VAWG) in the financial years: 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26? Please give a breakdown of the number with gender, ages and dates (month/year) of when they were first reported.

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5. Of those, how many were:

- Arrested
- Charged
- Sentenced
- Subjected to a disciplinary procedure
- Dismissed following a misconduct hearing

6. Regarding point 4 above, how many of the VAWG victims were staff members. Please give a breakdown of the number of victims with gender, ages and dates (month/year) of when they were first reported.

7. How many police officers and constables were subject to internal misconduct proceedings relating to alleged VAWG-related offences in the financial years: 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.

8. What were the outcome of those proceedings?

9. What support services were provided by your force to victims in cases where the suspect was a police officer?

Our response:

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Whilst I can confirm Wiltshire Police do hold the requested information, section 12(1) of the FOIA states:-

Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The information you are requesting is not stored in a way which permits for easy retrieval. Whilst there is a way to retrieve the data automatically, the results returned were incorrect in this instance. To provide a correct response, the data from the original report would need to be cross-referenced against the relevant system and each record manually reviewed to extract the requested data. For the period 2022/23 to 2025/26, there were in excess of 2400 records which would require checking. If one minute were spent per record, this would take more than 40 hours to complete and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it. Therefore the whole of the request should fall under the exemption of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note:

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Forces may use different recording systems, therefore it may be possible some Forces can provide this information where others cannot.

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. Due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such 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.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the withheld information.

Yours sincerely,

FDU Decision Maker