



# WILTSHIRE POLICE

## Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters  
London Road  
DEVIZES  
Wiltshire  
SN10 2DN

Date: 17/06/2026

Ref: FOI 2026/462

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 concerning spending with suppliers.

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 after having consulted our Finance department – I am now able to respond as follows.

### You wrote:

Please provide the total ex-VAT figure that your force has spent with the following suppliers: Solon Security Ltd, JNE Security Ltd and CMCA (UK) Ltd, during the period of 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2026, broken down by financial year (April-March). Please also include a breakdown showing the specific items purchased, and the quantity and price of each item, that leads to the above totals.

If the requested breakdown is held in a different format that still meets the above requirements, please provide it in that format. Where exact item-level or supplier-level data is not held, please provide the most detailed information available and clearly state any limitations.

### Our response:

Total ex-VAT figure that your force has spent with the following suppliers:

Solon Security:

| Total spend with suppliers |               |               |               |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                            | Apr 22-Mar 23 | Apr 23-Mar 24 | Apr 24-Mar 25 | Apr 25-Mar 26 |
| Solon Security Ltd         | 900.00        | 900.00        | 991.50        | 472.50        |

JNE Security Ltd: No information held

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CMCA (UK) Ltd: No information held

Wiltshire Police are unable to provide a breakdown showing the specific items purchased, quantity and price of each item, that leads to the above totals as this is exempt by virtue of:

### **Section 43(2) – Commercial Interests**

Section 43 is a class-based exemption which means that the public authority must demonstrate that it is satisfied that to release the information would damage someone's commercial interests. It is also a qualified exemption which means that the public authority must consider the balance of the public interest in releasing the information against the public interest in withholding it.

#### **Overall Harm:**

Harm has been identified in providing you with specific items purchased, quantity and individual cost relating to the totals above, disclosure would allow for a unit price per specific item to be calculated and this is deemed to be commercially sensitive. It could have an impact for our current supplier if this went out for retender, giving an advantage to other suppliers of similar products to the detriment of the current provider and likely affect our ongoing relationship with that supplier.

#### **Public Interest Test:**

##### **Factors favouring disclosure –**

There is a strong public interest in ensuring that public money is spent correctly and disclosing this information would adhere to the basic principles of openness and transparency.

##### **Factors favouring non-disclosure –**

To disclose the specific items purchased, quantity and individual cost of those items purchased over the last few years, would give competitors a commercial advantage by making available the cost per item. This would offer an unfair advantage and diminish the ability of Wiltshire Police to achieve the best value for money – ultimately undermining any procurement process and likely damage Wiltshire Police's business reputation and the confidence any future customers would have in it. Wiltshire Police take steps to ensure that the products and services it purchases are the best available in terms of quality and cost effectiveness. Therefore, disclosure of this information would be detrimental in this regard.

#### **Balance Test:**

Whilst Wiltshire Police recognise the importance of remaining open and transparent with public, this must be weighed against the potential to undermine tendering processes and the best products in terms of quality and effectiveness.

**It is therefore, our opinion that balance lies in favour of non-disclosure at this time.**

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you

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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 43(2) – Commercial Interests

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

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

Force 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**

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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](mailto: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](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk)

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