

**Police Headquarters**

London Road
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Date: 05/06/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/505

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/06/2026 concerning offences recorded under Offence Category 73.

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:

Can you provide the following for each calendar year from 2016 to 2025 (and for 2026 if data is available):

1. The number of offences recorded by Wiltshire Police under Offence Category 73 - Abuse of Position of Trust of a Sexual Nature - where the victim was under 18-years-old.
2. A breakdown of those figures by offence type under Category 73, where its possible.
3. And where its recorded, the age range of victims at the time of the offence (like under 13, 13 to 15, 16 to 17).

I understand that this refinement will not capture all sexual offences where an alleged perpetrator held a position of trust in sport, and I'm happy for that limitation to be included in your response.

Response:

Distinct Count of OccNo	Abuse of position of trust: Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity - female victim aged 13-17	Abuse of position of trust: Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity - male victim aged 13-17	Abuse of position of trust: causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity (S17, SOA 2003)	Abuse of position of trust: Sexual activity in presence of a child - male victim aged 13-17	Abuse of position of trust: Sexual activity with a child - female victim aged 13-17	Abuse of position of trust: Sexual activity with a child - male victim aged 13-17	Abuse of position of trust: Sexual activity with a child (S16, SOA 2003)	Grand Total
2016								
16 to 17			1					1
2017								
13 to 15							1	1
16 to 17							1	1
2018								
13 to 15			1				1	2
2019								
16 to 17							1	1
Not Recorded							1	1
2021								
16 to 17						1		1
2022								
16 to 17	1	1		1				3
2023								
13 to 15	1							1
16 to 17		1				1		2
2024								
16 to 17	1				1			2
Not Recorded						1		1
2025								
16 to 17	1	1						2
2026								
16 to 17		1			1	1		3
Grand Total	4	4	2	1	2	4	5	22

The data is taken by reported date so includes non-recent occurrences. The age provided is the age at the time of the offence.

The data is from 1/1/2016 to 31/5/26. There were no occurrences in 2020.

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.

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Yours sincerely

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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



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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.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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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/>