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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 1st July 2026

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2026 / 545

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11th June 2026 concerning Speeding Offences.

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 Justice Traffic Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information regarding speeding offences detected on roads with a speed limit of 60mph within your force area.

For each of the following calendar years: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, please can you provide the following:

1) The total number of motorists detected travelling above the 60mph speed limit on roads with a 60mph speed limit

2) A breakdown of the number of motorists detected in the following speed bands:

- 61-70mph
- 71-80mph
- 81-90mph
- 91-100mph
- Over 100mph



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3) The single highest speed recorded on a road with a 60mph speed limit during the entire period covered by this request (2012-2015), together with the road name/location and date of the offence, if held.

Our response:

Our Justice Traffic system(s) for the processing of Traffic Offences / FPN's are fairly basic and our Pentip system does not contain all of the specific details that are recorded at the time an FPN is being issued. As a consequence not all of the information can be searched for in an efficient and easy way electronically.

With regards to the speeding bands mentioned in Q2, we do not hold this information in any form of searchable content within our Pentip system. We do not record the actual speed recorded on the Pentip system nor the "band" it falls in. This physical data is only recorded on either the FPN ticket that was issued at the time or within associated paperwork.

To ascertain the information you require for Q2, we would need to locate and then review each paper FPN and then the associated Niche records to identify and then make a note of the information you require. When FPN's are returned to our Justice Traffic Team from around the Force they are not filed in any meaningful way (eg by band or offence type), therefore any searches required need to be taken on all FPN documents and not just from a specific selection of forms.

In any given calendar year Wiltshire Police typically issue somewhere between 800 and 1200 individual FPN's in relation to speeding offences. Even considering the FPN's in isolation – and allowing a very conservative 2 minutes per record to do this – undertaking this task would entail somewhere between 133 and 200 man-hours of work. That is not even including the number of Niche crime records that would also need to be manually checked to determine if they were also relevant to your request.

It should also be noted that under the FOIA there is technically no obligation on an Authority to create information where none exists today simply to answer an FOI request.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below :-

Question 1

The number of FPN's issued and Niche Records created each year have been as follows :-

	Pentip System	Niche System
Year	FPN's issued	Crime Records
2021	32	28
2022	30	24
2023	7	27
2024	20	26
2025	6	11

Please note

- We use our Pentip system to record the number of FPN's issued. The data showing for the Niche system is where FPN's are not complied with – this can be where the suspect has specifically requested a court hearing, they are not entitled to a course offer/FPN due to the speed travelled or they contest the FPN. In those instances a crime record is then created on our Niche system.
- There is a possibility that the data across Pentip and Niche is duplicated. (For example, someone is offered 3 points and a fine, they refuse and then request a court hearing which then entails a case to be created on Niche) in which case the incident would appear in both figures.

Question 3

The highest speed recorded was 126mph. This was recorded on 29/05/2024 on the A36 at Steeple Langford.

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

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 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

- (1) 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.

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,

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 Fol 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:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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