

WILTSHIRE POLICE



By Email:



Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 15/07/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/617

Dear ,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/07/2026 concerning number plate fraud.

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

I am requesting data on the specific offence of number-plate fraud held by Wiltshire Police.

This type of offence is recorded under Home Office Code 814/03 offence title "Fraud, forgery etc. associated with registration and licensing documents" under Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 Secs 44 & 45. Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 Sec 65(1)(b) & (2).

Please only include data on the specific offence code 814/03, not including wider vehicle fraud offences in this category.

Please break down the total number of investigations where 814/03 is an included offence, including where it is a secondary/less serious offence in the investigation.

Additionally, please provide a summary count of the number of those investigations which also include a sexual offence or drug offence (there may be crossover/ if one involves both then please count it in all three columns).

I am requesting the data from the financial year beginning in 2023 to the latest available data 2025/2026.

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I would like the data in an Excel spreadsheet please. If you could please use the headings provided:

- Financial year
- Total investigations opened where 814/03 is either the primary or a secondary offence
- Number which also include (any) sexual offence on the same investigation
- Number which also include (any) drug offence on the same investigation

Response:

Reported Year	Number of Crimes under HO code 814/03	Number of people arrested for sexual offences at the same time	Number of people arrested for drug offences at the same time
Q1-2023-2024	2	0	0
Q1-2024-2025	2	0	1
Q1-2025-2026	4	0	1
Q2-2025-2026	2	0	0
Q3-2025-2026	2	0	1
Q4-2023-2024	1	0	0
Q4-2024-2025	1	0	0
Q4-2025-2026	2	0	0
Total	16	0	3

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.



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



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

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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

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/>