

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 17/08/2026

Our ref **FOI 2026/393**

Reply contact name is: XXXX

Dear XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 27/04/2026, concerning Osman Warnings.

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, searches were conducted with XXXXXX of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote:

I am requesting the following information:

Firstly, The number of Osman/threat to life warnings that have been delivered by Wiltshire police between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025

Secondly, The number of Osman/threat to life warnings that have been delivered by Wiltshire police between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024

Thirdly, The number of Osman/threat to life warnings that have been delivered by Wiltshire police between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023

Fourthly, Full details, including specific date, location and names of those receiving the warnings, between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025

Fifthly, Full details, including specific date, location and names of those receiving the warnings, between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024
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Sixthly, Full details, including specific date, location and names of those receiving the warnings, between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023

Our response:

Firstly, The number of Osman/threat to life warnings that have been delivered by Wiltshire police between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025 - 1

Secondly, The number of Osman/threat to life warnings that have been delivered by Wiltshire police between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 - 6

Thirdly, The number of Osman/threat to life warnings that have been delivered by Wiltshire police between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 - 1

Section 38(1)(a) – Health and Safety

Overall Harm:

Part of the data that is exempt relates to personal information such as names and locations of people receiving the warnings. To release the data in full would lead to those people and their locations being identified which could put them in danger.

Factors in Favour of Disclosure:

The public have a right to know how the taxpayers money is spent and it would increase public confidence to know that Osman Warnings (Threat to life) are considered and given where necessary.

Factors against Disclosure:

By revealing information which could jeopardise the personal safety of an individual and potentially their families, the public would lose confidence in the police service and their ability to protect the wellbeing of an individual.

Balance Test:

The police service has a duty of care to the community they serve. To release the information in full would cause unnecessary harm to some members of that community and so for these issues, it is our opinion that the balancing test for disclosure, in full, is not made out.

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Some of the information captured by this request relates to individuals who have been involved in incidents or in locations which, if put together with other information you may have at your disposal would inevitably lead to their identification. As such this data would be sensitive personal data under the terms of the Data Protection Act of 1998 and therefore these parts of the request are exempt under the provisions of Section 40(2) of the Freedom

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of Information Act. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there are no requirements for any consideration of potential harm, or public interest in its application.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

Section 38 (1) (a) Health and Safety

Section 40 (2) Personal Information

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.

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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

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/>