

# WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By email

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**Our Ref** FOI 2026-610

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026, concerning motoring and speeding offences. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

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, research was conducted by the Justice Traffic department at Wiltshire Police. Your request for information has now been considered and I am **not** obliged to supply the information you have requested.

## **You wrote:**

I wish to submit a Freedom of Information request - for each of the calendar years 2019 to 2025 - for Wiltshire Police's annual figures for the following categories:

1. Total number of all motoring offences
2. Total number of speeding offences detected
3. Proportion of speeding offences detected by camera (%)
4. Number of speeding offences ending in court action

*Clarification received on 15.07 to remove RTC damage / injury matters from question 1*

## **Our response:**

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Whilst I can confirm Wiltshire Police do hold the requested information, section 12(1) of the FOIA states:-

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*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.*

The information you are requesting - namely for question 2 - is not stored in a way which permits for easy retrieval. There are two systems used when extracting this data: Pentip provides the data for all Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) / TORs and Niche provides the data for those matters which require further investigation, and subsequently those input into the Court system. For example, in 2025 there were 21419 traffic offences on Pentip and, whilst this can be broken down by speeding offences, it would only provide a partial picture as the Niche data would be missing. For the same period, there were 3826 traffic offences on Niche, however, this data will only be searchable if the matter was prosecuted. To provide an accurate response for question 2 would require manually interrogating every Niche offence to establish if it related to speeding. For the requested period 2019 to 2025, there were a total of 19,037 matters meaning it would take in excess of 300 hours to complete this task if only one minute was allocated to each offence.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it. Therefore the whole of the request should fall under the exemption of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Please note:**

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

Forces may use different recording systems, therefore it may be possible some Forces can provide this information where others cannot.

Ordinarily under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance we would advise you of a way to refine your request to a more manageable level. Due to the difficulties in obtaining the requested information, as outlined above, I cannot think of a way in which this could be achieved.

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 can provide you with is documented below:

**Please note: 'Pentip offences' refers to the number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) / TORs issued and 'Niche offences' relates to those matters that required further investigation and/or those input into the Court system. There may be an overlap with the same matter being included in the figure for each column as, if a notice is not complied with or the driver requests a Court hearing, the matter will be input from the Pentip data into Niche meaning the figure will be included in both columns.**

1. Total number of all motoring offences

| Year | Niche Offences | Pentip Offences |
|------|----------------|-----------------|
| 2019 | 1599           | 323             |
| 2020 | 2076           | 3384            |
| 2021 | 1979           | 4107            |

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| <b>2022</b>  | <b>2039</b>  | <b>6033</b>  |
| <b>2023</b>  | <b>3336</b>  | <b>14515</b> |
| <b>2024</b>  | <b>4182</b>  | <b>17611</b> |
| <b>2025</b>  | <b>3826</b>  | <b>21419</b> |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>19037</b> | <b>67392</b> |

3. Proportion of speeding offences detected by camera (%)

**No information held - There are no fixed position / static speed cameras under the care and control of Wiltshire Police.**

4. Number of speeding offences ending in court action

| <b>Year</b>  | <b>Speeding offences in Court</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>2019</b>  | <b>383</b>                        |
| <b>2020</b>  | <b>654</b>                        |
| <b>2021</b>  | <b>713</b>                        |
| <b>2022</b>  | <b>655</b>                        |
| <b>2023</b>  | <b>1222</b>                       |
| <b>2024</b>  | <b>1653</b>                       |
| <b>2025</b>  | <b>1618</b>                       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>6898</b>                       |

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires 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

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

Please contact me if you would like to discuss the withheld information.

Yours sincerely,

**FDU Decision Maker**