

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By email

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Our Ref FOI 2026-671

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19th July 2026, concerning fleet vehicles. 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 Fleet 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:

Please could you provide me an up to date fleet list of all vehicles used/in the possession of, Wiltshire Police. May this also include any vehicles that are appended to the fleet, owned personally, but fitted with emergency lights and sirens by Wiltshire Police. Please ensure that this contains vehicles which have been acquired, but have not necessarily been outfitted yet.

Could you include the vehicles make and model, the status of the vehicle as well as the team the vehicle is assigned to. Could you also include the vehicles registration date/number plate.

Could I please also have information on the cost of vehicles acquired/purchased from the Metropolitan Police in the period 1/1/2020 - 1/7/2026.

Please include relevant details on the type of vehicle, its registration, line item cost, current status (awaiting dispersal, assigned to, etc) and the year it was acquired. Please ensure this also includes the specific reason for which the vehicles were originally acquired.

If any of these vehicles have been sold or in any way disposed of, please provide the reason this took place, and the value of any resulting sale.

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

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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:-

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 the questions linked to vehicles acquired / purchased from the Metropolitan Police - is not stored in a way which permits for easy retrieval. Whilst I can confirm we have acquired / purchased from the Metropolitan Police, to provide the requested information would require manually interrogating thousands of files. Completing this task would far exceed the time obligations on the Force to comply and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

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.

Under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you to refine your request to a more manageable level. Removing the questions linked to vehicles acquired / purchased from the Metropolitan Police may bring your request within the time obligations we have to respond. **Note - exemptions may still be engaged even if the request is refined.**

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

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