

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 05/08/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/700

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/08/2026 concerning women's arrests and domestic abuse flags.

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:

Please note there are two parts of my request. If you are unable to fulfil Part 2, as you do not collect the data or you are not able to retrieve the data under the time limit, I politely ask that you please (a) state the reason for your refusal and (b) complete Part 1 of the request.

My request relates to the following offences:

Possession of weapons (offence codes 00826; 00853; 00861; 08103; 08117)

Conspiracy to defraud (offence code 05304)

Possession of a controlled drug Class A (offence codes 09250; 09251; 09252; 09252; 09254; 09259)

Malicious communications (offence code 19541)

Handling stolen goods (offence codes 05401; 05402)

For each of the five offence groups, please provide the following information:

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(1)

How many women were arrested for the specific offences in the time period 30 June 2021 up to 30 June 2026?

(2)

How many of the arrested women were flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with their current or former partner, where their current or former partner was the perpetrator of domestic violence?

By this I mean the female suspect arrested for the offence (e.g. handling stolen goods) had been flagged with a domestic violence marker where she is recognised as at risk of DVA, either previous to the arrest or following the arrest.

Response:

Question 1:

HO_Code	OffenceDescription	count (distinct Occ Pers Id)
8/26	Having an article with a blade or point in a public place	62
8/61	Threaten a person with an offensive weapon in public place	1
8/61	Threaten with an offensive weapon in a public place	7
81/3	Possessing etc. firearms or ammunition without firearm certificate	1
81/3	Possession of firearm offences (Class 10B)	1
	Possession of Weapons offences	72

HO_Code	OffenceDescription	count (distinct Occ Pers Id)
54/1	Handling stolen goods	4
54/1	Receiving stolen goods	3
54/2	Undertaking or assisting in the retention, removal, disposal or realisation of stolen goods or arranging to do so	11
	Handling stolen goods	18

HO_Code	OffenceDescription	count (distinct Occ Pers Id)
92/5	Unlawful importation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 - Class C drug	1
92/51	Having possession of a controlled drug - Heroin	14
92/52	Having possession of a controlled drug - LSD	1
92/59	Having possession of a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	29
92/59	Possession Class A drug	16
	Possession Class A drug	61

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Conspiract to defraud
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Nil return
Nil return

Question 2:

With DV
risk flag

8/26	Having an article with a blade or point in a public place	40
8/61	Threaten a person with an offensive weapon in public place	1
8/61	Threaten with an offensive weapon in a public place	4
81/3	Possessing etc. firearms or ammunition without firearm certificate	1
81/3	Possession of firearm offences (Class 10B)	1
	Possession of Weapons offences	47

With DV
risk flag

54/1	Handling stolen goods	3
54/1	Receiving stolen goods	3
54/2	Undertaking or assisting in the retention, removal, disposal or realisation of stolen goods or arranging to do so	4
	Handling stolen goods	10

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risk flag

92/51	Having possession of a controlled drug - Heroin	8
92/59	Having possession of a controlled drug - Other Class A drug	14
92/59	Possession Class A drug	10
	Possession Class A drug	32

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

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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 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

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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/>