

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
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Date 3rd August 2026

Our Ref FOI 2026-711

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30th July 2026, concerning Police medical patient report forms and associated records.

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 Occupational Health Unit, Health & Safety and Clinical Governance departments 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:

1. Three-year data

For the period **1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026**, please provide an anonymised spreadsheet containing one row for each patient report form, casualty form, first aid record or equivalent medical record completed by police officers, staff or police-deployed healthcare professionals.

Please include the following information where held:

- Month and year of the incident
- Broad type of incident
- Broad casualty category, such as member of the public, detainee or police employee
- Mechanism or cause of injury or illness
- Injury, illness or presenting condition
- Treatment provided
- Medical equipment, airway adjuncts or medication used
- Casualty outcome, such as ambulance handover, hospital transfer or treatment at scene
- Medical or first aid training level of the person providing treatment
- Broad operational role of the person providing treatment
- Whether an associated accident report, health and safety investigation or internal review was completed

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Operational roles should include, where recorded:

- Response or neighbourhood policing
- Roads policing
- Public order officer
- Public order medic
- Firearms officer
- Specialist Firearms Officer
- Counter Terrorist Specialist Firearms Officer
- Tactical or specialist police medic
- Other specialist role

2. Most recent 12 months

For the period **1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**, please also provide anonymised copies of:

- Patient report forms or equivalent medical records
- Any directly associated accident reports
- Health and safety investigations
- Internal learning or post-incident reviews

Please remove all information that could identify a patient, officer, staff member or other individual.

Where possible, please use the same anonymised reference number on related records so they can be linked.

3. Summary information

Please also confirm:

- The total number of patient report forms completed in each year
- The number completed by each broad operational role and training level, where held
- The number linked to an accident report, health and safety investigation or internal review
- Whether the records are held electronically, on paper or both
- The retention period for these records
- Any requested information that is not recorded or cannot be searched centrally

Our response:

Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) requires Wiltshire Police to confirm or deny whether the requested information is held. To establish whether the information is held would in itself exceed the time obligations placed upon the authority to comply (18 hours) and therefore engages section 12(2). Our Occupational Health Unit do not hold this information and, whilst our Health & Safety department have access to accident and injury forms, they do not hold patient details and do not have access to patient report forms, casualty forms, first aid records or equivalent medical records. The Clinical Governance department only have access to the summary data gathered whenever an Officer completes or attends a first aid incident. To try establish whether the relevant information is held for your request would require cross-referencing multiple systems.

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.

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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. I can provide the following with regards to the **below points of question 1 only**:

Please note: This information is from March 2023, when the form was first moved into an online function.

1. Three-year data

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Please include the following information where held:

- Broad type of incident

Assault	98
RTC	97
Welfare	135
General illness	125

Trauma	273
Medical	161
Suspected Overdose	20
Other	1

- Broad casualty category, such as member of the public, detainee or police employee

Member of the public	417
Police officer	24
Police staff	14

- Injury, illness or presenting condition

Angina	0
Anaphylactic shock	0
Asthma	4

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Chest pain	4
Collapse	24
Diabetes	2
Epilepsy	4
Fitting	5
Heart attack	15
Rash	0
Stroke	2
Other	101

- Treatment provided

<i>Did the police officer or staff member carry out resuscitation?</i>	
Yes	83
No	372

- Medical equipment, airway adjuncts or medication used

<i>Was Naxolone used?</i>	
Yes - by police	11
Yes - by the ambulance services / other	3
No	7

<i>Was an automated external defibrillator (AED) used?</i>	
Yes - police AED used	74
Yes - public AED used	14
Yes - public AED used, and the GoodSams app was used to locate it	0
No - AED not used	367

<i>Did you use any enhanced equipment?</i>	
No - none used	318
Bag-valve-mask ventilation	38
Chest seal	5
IGel	20
Oxygen	83
Haemostatic dressing	10
Nasal Airway	14
Oral Airway	14
Pressure Dressing	43
Sam splint	7
Tourniquet	9
Naloxone	10

- Casualty outcome, such as ambulance handover, hospital transfer or treatment at scene

Ambulance attended - subject dealt with at the scene	60
Ambulance attended - subject taken to hospital	202
No ambulance attendance - subject conveyed to hospital by officer	50
Advised subject to get further medical assistance	41
No further action required	48
Other	54

- Broad operational role of the person providing treatment

ARG	70
Dog section	0
Roads Policing	37
CPT Neighbourhoods	57
CPT Response	251
Enquiry Officer	1
L&D	10
Not applicable	3
Other	26

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