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London Road
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Date: 17/09/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/831

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/09/2026 concerning Online Safety Act and Suicide Act.

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:

I would be grateful if you could provide data for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 August 2026 relating to the following offences:

1. Encouraging or assisting serious self-harm, as introduced by the Online Safety Act 2023.
2. Section 2 of the Suicide Act 1961 (encouraging or assisting suicide).

Requested Information

For each of the above offences, please provide annual figures for the period specified, broken down by:

- * Number of individuals cautioned
- * Number of individuals charged
- * Number of individuals prosecuted (i.e., cases brought before a court)
- * Number of convictions secured (if held by your organisation)

Demographic Breakdown

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Where available, please also provide demographic information for both victims and suspected perpetrators, broken down as follows:

Victims

- * Gender
- * Age (either exact age or age bands, depending on what is held)

Perpetrators / Suspects

- * Gender
- * Age (either exact age or age bands)

If demographic data is not held for all stages (e.g., cautions vs. prosecutions), please provide it for any stage where it is recorded.

Response:

Offence Description	Victim Gender	Victim ReportedAge	Suspect Gender	Suspect ReportedAge
Aiding and abetting suicide	F	14	F	14 & 15
Aiding and abetting suicide	M	43		
Intentionally doing an act capable of encouraging or assisting the suicide or attempted suicide of another	M	21	F	28

All cases No Further Action

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

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



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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.

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

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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/>