WILTSHIRE POLICE

Via Email

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 06/11/2026 **Our ref FOI 2025/1020**

Reply contact name is: XXXX

Dear XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information, dated 27/10/2026, concerning murder, rape, serious violence and sexual offences and recorded immigration / asylum status.

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, searches were conducted with Business Intelligence of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote:

Part 1:

For each financial year from 1 April 2020 to the latest available, please provide counts for murder and rape separately and, if readily available, other serious violence and sexual offence categories.

Provide arrests, people charged and people convicted as separate measures where held. State the geography, offence definitions, relevant dates, and whether counts are of people, offences or proceedings.

Part 2:

For each offence and measure, provide breakdowns by recorded nationality and recorded immigration/asylum status at the relevant event, insofar as held:

(1) people recorded as without lawful immigration status,

(2) people granted asylum or refugee status, and

(3) people whose asylum claim was refused and who remained in the UK.

Explain the categories used, any overlap, when status was recorded and counts with nationality or status unknown or unrecorded. Do not infer citizenship or status from ethnicity, birthplace or route of arrival.

Provide all-person totals and nationality-only and status-only breakdowns if a cross-tabulation is unavailable.

Our response:

Part 1:

Geography: includes Swindon and Wiltshire County
Offence definitions: rape and murder/manslaughter
Dates: breakdown by financial year; from April to March
The below data count is of offences

RAPE

Fiscal Year	number of offences	number of offences where arrest was made	number of offences where offender was charged
2020-2021	521	159	18
2021-2022	590	200	22
2022-2023	638	199	52
2023-2024	668	234	48
2024-2025	697	294	46
2025-2026	807	304	65
Total	**3,921**	**1,390**	**251**

MURDER

Fiscal Year	number of offences	number of offences where arrest was made	number of offences where offender was charged
2020-2021	2	2	1
2021-2022	5	5	3
2022-2023	3	3	4
2023-2024	3	3	3
2024-2025	2	2	3
2025-2026	6	6	2
Total	**21**	**21**	**16**

Part 2:

1.Convictions data is not recorded on our system, as it stays with the Criminal Justice System e.g. Courts.

2.Nationality and immigration status are not mandatory fields within our recording system

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemption applied:

No information held – To contact the courts for information they hold, you can use the following link: Find a court or tribunal - GOV.UK

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

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
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/