WILTSHIRE POLICE

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By email

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Date 5th November 2026 **Our Ref** FOI 2026-1024

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28th October 2026, concerning arrests by nationality and immigration 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, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or, for Police Scotland, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002), please provide the following for each financial year 2024-25 (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025) and 2025-26 (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026):

1. The number of people arrested, broken down by nationality as recorded in custody. Please include British nationals and a separate line for "nationality not recorded".

Self-Defined Ethnicity Group	2024-25	2025-26
Arab or Other Ethnic Group	136	150
Asian or Asian British	335	420
Black or Black British	499	553
Mixed	312	344
Not Stated	575	669
White	7787	7299
Grand Total	9644	9435

2. The number of arrested foreign nationals whose immigration status was checked with Home Office Immigration Enforcement (for example through the Immigration Enforcement National Command and Control Unit), and of those, how many were referred to or detained by Immigration Enforcement.

No information held - whilst we check and inform immigration, we do not record this data.

Under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you contact the Immigration Enforcement National Command and Control Unit regarding this question.

3. Where your custody or crime systems record it, the number of people arrested who were recorded as (a) asylum seekers and (b) having arrived in the UK by small boat or other irregular entry. If no such marker or field exists, please say so rather than searching individual records.

   No information held - our systems do not have a marker to record this data.

4. For question 3 only, a breakdown by the broad offence group of the main arrest offence (for example violence against the person, sexual offences, theft, drug offences, public order).

   N/A

I am asking only for numbers, not for any information about individuals. If any figure is small enough to risk identifying someone, please show it as "fewer than 5" rather than withholding the answer.

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,

FDU Decision Maker