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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 6th November 2026 Your ref: FOI Our ref: FOI 2026 / 1056

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th November 2026 concerning Offences under 66E and 66F.

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 now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following recorded information concerning alleged offences under sections 66E and 66F of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, relating to purported intimate images of adults.

The relevant period is 6 February 2026 to the date of this request.

Please provide the following information, broken down separately by month and by offence section (66E and 66F), where recorded and reasonably retrievable.

1. Reports

a. The number of reports received by your force concerning alleged offences under section 66E.

b. The number of reports received by your force concerning alleged offences under section 66F.

2. Investigations

a. The number of criminal investigations opened in connection with section 66E.

b. The number of criminal investigations opened in connection with section 66F.

3. Charges

a. The number of individuals charged with an offence under section 66E.

b. The number of individuals charged with an offence under section 66F.

c. The total number of charges brought under each section, if recorded separately from the number of individuals charged.

4. Case outcomes

For investigations relating to these offences, please provide the number of cases recorded under each of the following outcomes, where applicable and recorded:

a. No further action taken before charge.

b. Investigation ongoing or outcome pending.

c. One or more individuals charged.

d. Case discontinued or proceedings terminated after charge.

e. Closed for another recorded reason, specifying the reason where held.

Where recorded, please also provide the number of cases closed because the victim withdrew support or was unable or unwilling to support the investigation or prosecution.

Definitions and scope

The request concerns the offences introduced by section 138 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025, which inserted sections 66E and 66F into the Sexual Offences Act 2003 and came into force on 6 February 2026.

The request concerns adult victims and purported intimate images, including AI-generated or digitally manipulated images, insofar as the conduct falls within the scope of these statutory offences.

Our response:

Please refer to the table below for the answers you require

		Offence	
	When	66E	66F
Reports Received	1 May, 2 June	3	0
Criminal Investigations Opened	1 May, 2 June	3	0
Offences charged	0	0	0
Outcomes	-	3	0
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	June	1	0
3: Adult conditional caution	May	1	0
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	June	1	0

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,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.

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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.pnn.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
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