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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 10th November 2026 Your ref: FOI Our ref: FOI 2026 / 1064

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 8th November 2026 concerning Training in Extraction Techniques (Vehicles).

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 – having consulted our Learning & Development & Specialist Operations Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the training provided to police officers concerning the physical extraction of non-compliant or resistant suspects from motor vehicles (vehicle extractions).

Specifically, please provide the following information:

1. Training Provision:

   Do you currently provide specific operational, tactical, or Personal and Public Safety Training (PPST) to police officers (including Roads Policing and response officers) on how to physically extract a non-compliant or resistant suspect from the driver's or passenger's seat of a motor vehicle?

2. Implementation Date:

   If such training is currently provided, on what exact date (month and year) was this specific vehicle extraction training officially introduced or rolled out into your force's training syllabus?

3. Historical Status:

   Prior to the implementation date stated in question 2, was there any specific, formal training module within your force syllabus dedicated to physical vehicle extractions, or was this matter left to individual dynamic risk assessment and improvisation under the National Decision Model (NDM)?

4. Rollout / Compliance Percentage:

   What approximate percentage or proportion of current operational front-line officers have completed this specific vehicle extraction training module to date?

Our response:

No Information Held.

There is no obligation on an Authority to provide any reasons or rationale when providing a no information held response, however in this instance – and under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant – I am happy to provide some context.

Some level of anecdotal evidence and/or advice may – at times – be provided by relevant trainers to officers, however there is currently no specific training supplied to officers in respect of the extraction of non-compliant or resistant individuals from vehicles.

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:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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