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Date: 2nd November 2026 Your ref: FOI Our ref: FOI 2026 / 987

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear Wesley,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18th October 2026 concerning Roblox.

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 Business Intelligence and ViSOR Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please provide information covering:

1 January 2020 to the date of your search.

If your systems use financial years or another established reporting period, please use that format where this makes extraction easier.

Search term

To keep the request straightforward and minimise the burden on the force, please use only the following keyword:

“Roblox”

I am specifically asking for an electronic keyword search of existing searchable records rather than a manual review of individual case files.

Where technically possible, please search the term within relevant searchable fields including:

- crime/offence descriptions;
- modus operandi (MO) / MO remarks;
- occurrence summaries;
- incident summaries;

- searchable free-text fields;
- structured platform/application fields;
- intelligence records;
- safeguarding records;
- investigation records;
- missing-person records where searchable.

Information requested

Please provide:

1. Recorded crimes

The total number of recorded crime records in which “Roblox” appears, broken down by calendar year or other existing reporting period.

2. Offence types

For each relevant year/period, please provide the offence type/category and, where available:

- Home Office offence code;
- offence title;
- offence classification/group;
- number of recorded offences.

3. Incidents

Separately provide the number of recorded incidents containing the term “Roblox”, by year/period where available.

4. Investigations

If your force has a routine electronic search capability for investigation/case-management records, please provide the number of investigations containing “Roblox”, by year/period where available.

Child protection and relevant offending

Where your electronic search identifies the relevant offence category, please provide aggregate figures for records involving, for example:

- sexual offences;
- offences against children;
- grooming;
- sexual communication with a child;
- child sexual exploitation;
- indecent images / child sexual abuse material;
- sexual extortion / sextortion;
- coercion or blackmail;
- threats;
- harassment or stalking;
- violence;
- missing children;
- safeguarding-related incidents.

I am not asking officers or staff to manually determine whether an offence was actually caused by Roblox. I am asking what existing searchable police records contain the term “Roblox” and what offence/incident classification those records already carry.

Police systems

Please identify which relevant systems were searched and provide the results separately where reasonably available.

This should include, where applicable:

- Niche RMS / Niche
- CONNECT
- Athena
- STORM or equivalent command-and-control/incident system
- CRIS or relevant historical crime-recording system
- ViSOR (Violent and Sex Offender Register)
- force crime-recording systems
- incident/command-and-control systems
- police intelligence systems
- safeguarding systems
- missing-person systems
- investigation/case-management systems
- any other electronically searchable records-management system routinely holding relevant records.

I appreciate that not every force uses every system listed above. Please simply identify the systems actually used by your force that are relevant to the request.

ViSOR specifically

Please confirm:

1. Whether “Roblox” can be electronically searched within the ViSOR system available to the force; 2. Whether such a search was undertaken; 3. If searchable, the aggregate number of ViSOR records containing “Roblox”, preferably by year; 4. Whether records containing the term can be electronically linked or cross-referenced with associated crime, incident, investigation or safeguarding records; 5. If ViSOR cannot be searched in this manner, please state this clearly.

I recognise that ViSOR is a specialist offender-management system rather than the primary crime-recording system. I am not requesting any personal or identifying information about individuals recorded on ViSOR.

Historical systems

If the force has changed crime-recording or case-management systems during the requested period, please identify the current and relevant historical systems.

If historical data is no longer electronically searchable, please state this rather than undertaking a manual review.

Counting methodology

Please state:

- which date field was used to allocate records to each year;
- whether cancelled crimes are included or excluded;
- whether multiple offences within one crime record are counted separately;
- whether incidents and crimes are counted separately;
- whether investigations are counted separately;
- whether the same record containing multiple occurrences of the word “Roblox” is counted only once.

Our response:

We can only undertake wildcard or free-test searches on the abbreviated summary description of a crime or incident recorded on Niche RMS.

It is not possible to undertake searches on the following :-

a) **The whole occurrence investigation log**
b) **associated documents saved as part of an investogation, such as statements, records of interview or other documentation**
c) **Storm (call) logs**

Searches of anything beyond the summary description of a crime or incident would be manual and undoubtedly involve a Section 12 time/cost exemption given the need to search virtually all the crime records for the time period you require.

For the time period you require, searches have uncovered the following instances of Roblox being mentioned in the MO / summary description of crimes and incidents :-

Questions 1 and 2

	Crimes				
Offence	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**Grand Total**
105/1 - Common Assault and Battery				1	1
21/3 - Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity: female child - no penetration	1	2	1		4
5/28 - Send communication threatening death or serious harm			1		1
68/8 - Breach SHPO/interim SHPO/SOPO/interim SOPO/ Foreign Travel Order or fail to comply with requirement Under Sec 103D (4) in relation to a SHPO		1			1
71/17 - Engage in sexual communication with a child		1	2	3	6
8/6 - Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Sec 47)		1			1
86/2 - Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children	1				1
Grand Total	**2**	**5**	**4**	**4**	**15**

Question 3

	Incidents							
Incidents	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**Grand Total**
Admin: Contact Record					1			**1**
ASB - Personal			1			1		**2**
Fraud	1							**1**
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society						1		**1**
PSW - Suspicious circumstances/ Insecure Premises/ Vehicles	1	1						**2**
Public Safety								
Public Safety: Concern for Safety		1		2	2	1	4	**10**
Other Sexual Offences							2	**2**
Violence Against The Person			1					**1**
Grand Total	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**3**	**6**	**20**

There have also been a number of intelligence log submissions made, details as below :-

Intelligence Reports	Distinct Count of OccNo
2020	2
2021	1
2022	1
2023	2
2024	5
2025	5
2026	12
Grand Total	**28**

In relation to the data above, I can confirm the following :-

- **The date field used was Reported Date**
- **Cancelled crimes are included**
- **A new crime record is created for every different offence reported**
- **Incidents and crimes are counted separately;**
- **Investigations are not counted differently to crimes**
- **Records containing multiple occurrences of the word "Roblox" are counted only once.**

ViSOR data specifically

The ViSOR Team have confirmed that their systems can only be searched in the same way as for crimes and incidents (ie the MO / abbreviated summary description of the crime or incident log).

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,
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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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