# WILTSHIRE POLICE

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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 3rd November 2026 Your ref: FOI Our ref: FOI 2026 / 993

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th October 2026 concerning Taser Use.

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 Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

**You wrote (and Our Response)**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information regarding police use of Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs), commonly known as Tasers.

For each financial year from 2016/17 to the most recent complete financial year available, please provide:

1. The number of individuals who were subjected to any recorded use of a Conducted Energy Device.

Of those individuals, the number who:

a) were arrested;

b) were charged with one or more criminal offences

c) received an out-of-court disposal

d) received No Further Action (NFA)

e) or received another recorded outcome.

**In 2022, due to demand within the business we developed an App which analyses the use of Tasers. Prior to that the data held was not easily located as it only existed in manual records or within the narrative of a given crime occurrence.**

**The table below provides you with the only information we hold in relation to Taser deployment since the introduction of that App – this contains the number of unique individuals tasered and the recorded outcome of each :-**

| | Unique Persons Tasered | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Outcome** | **2022-23** | **2023-24** | **2024-25** | **2025-26** | **2026-27** | **Total** |
| **Arrested** | 173 | 256 | 293 | 333 | 191 | **1,246** |
| **No further action** | 21 | 66 | 42 | 65 | 48 | **242** |
| **Other outcome** | 53 | 60 | 58 | 61 | 23 | **255** |
| **Total** | **247** | **382** | **393** | **459** | **262** | **1,743** |

**Our Use of Force App (which holds Taser use data) is not directly linked to either the Niche Crime Record or the Custody log of an arrest, so it does not pick up any details for Out of Court Disposals (see also note below).**

2. Where recorded and electronically retrievable from existing systems, please provide a breakdown of out-of-court disposals into:

a) Conditional Caution;

b) Simple Caution;

c) Community Resolution;

d) Penalty Notice for Disorder;

e) Other out-of-court disposal.

**No Information Held.**

**Whilst there is no obligation on an Authority to provide an explanation or rationale when supplying a no information held response, under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, I am happy to provide some additional context in this instance.**

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**The only way of ascertaining the information you require would be to undertake a manual search exercise of all the relevant crime records where a taser had been deployed to determine any outcomes applied. Given the number of these instances recorded since 2022, this would inevitably invoke a Section 12 (time/cost) exemption to this response.**

3. Where court outcome information is routinely linked to Taser-use records and can be extracted without manual case review, please provide the number of charged individuals whose cases resulted in:

a) Conviction;

b) Acquittal;

c) Discontinuance; or

d) Other recorded court outcome.

**No Information Held.**

**Whilst there is no obligation on an Authority to provide an explanation or rationale when supplying a no information held response, under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, again, I am happy to provide some additional context in this instance.**

**Wiltshire Police do not hold any Court Outcome information. We would recommend that you submit an FOI request directly to CPS for this information.**

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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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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