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Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2019 / 952

Reply contact name is: Kerry Merritt

Dear Naomi,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 concerning illegal number plates.

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 Justice Traffic Department I am now able to respond as follows.

**You wrote:**

1. How many drivers have been caught with an illegal number plate in Jan-Dec 2017, Jan-Dec 2018 and Jan-to date 2019.
2. Can you provide me with the number of illegal number plate incidences involving the following brands during the periods Jan-Dec 2017, Jan-Dec 2018 and Jan-to date 2019:  
  
Toyota, Nissan, BMW, Audi, Range Rover, Land Rover, Ford, Kia, Fiat, Mini, Peugeot, Mazda, Vauxhall, Volkswagen, Citroen, Suzuki, Skoda, Hyundai, Honda
3. How much is the fine for being caught with an illegal number plate?

**Our response:**

Please see the attached Excel spreadsheets for the data you require. Furthermore the fine for an issue with a number place if a Fixed Penalty is offered is currently £100 – however on some of these offences a Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) notice may have been issued to the driver – so then as long as the issue is rectified and we receive proof of this from a registered MOT garage there is no fine given – obviously with any that go to court any fine is as per their sentencing guidelines and in conjunction with any plea and financial information given to the court from the defendant.



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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,

Kerry Merritt  
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:

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Wiltshire Police Headquarters,  
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Wiltshire,  
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Email at [disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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  
Tel: 01625 545 700  
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Email: [mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk)