

FOI 2021-216

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11 March 2021 concerning Police houses on Wilton Road.

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 requester. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

You wrote:

- 1.) Are the Police Houses in Wilton Road behind the former Divisional Headquarters (Now vacant education facility) still in your ownership?
- 2.) If not how much were they sold for?
- 3.) As they are currently empty could they be considered for development as a smaller Police Station with custody unit, to minimize movements to Melksham with return the following day?
- 4.) If these properties were sold could a specific unit for Mental Health support be built near to Fountain Way to assist with the ongoing MH crisis?

Response:

- 1.) 5 residential and 2 operational properties remain in the ownership of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 2.) N/A.

3 & 4.) As these questions are hypothetical, they are therefore not considered valid questions and fall outside the scope of the Act.

However, in line with our duty to advise and assist you under section 16 of the Act, please note that the 2017-2021 Estate Strategy on the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner's website publishes the intentions of the estate here:

<https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/SysSiteAssets/assets/1.-your-pcc/3.-what-i-do/estates/estates-strategy-2017-21-v2.pdf>