

Operation Avocet Publication Strategy

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Resourcing

Dorset Police do not hold information specifically for the number of Staff and Officers engaged in the operation, the hours, roles and responsibilities. Operation Avocet policing was incorporated into business as usual during shifts and day-to-day work. For regular Officers, Operation Avocet work was integrated into their duties of everyday policing.

Although this information is not recorded centrally, there were no Officers or Staff that were dedicated to Operation Avocet. This was balanced with their other work to a greater or lesser extent. Therefore, there is no way to identify this information to provide an accurate picture of resourcing.

Mutual aid was provided on the following dates:

- 08/07/2023
- 16/09/2023
- 20/10/2023
- 04/08/2024

Crime & Criminal Justice

41 arrests (please note that this data includes individuals who have been arrested for more than one offence).

Outcomes	Count
1: Charged	7
1: Summoned/postal requisition	1
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	16
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	8
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	12
1A: Alternate offence charged	1
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	3
2A: Alternate offence youth conditional caution	1
3: Adult conditional caution	1
8: Community resolution	4
Cancelled/transferred	3
New	4
Total	66

Please note that the Force does not hold data regarding convictions. This information will be held by His Majesty's Courts & Tribunal Service.

The following table shows the number of crimes recorded where the resident of the Barge is the suspect:

Crime	Count
Anti-Social Behaviour	1
Criminal Damage	1
Drug Offences	4
Other Offences	1
Public Order	2
Sexual Offences	4
Theft	4
Violence Against the Person	22
Total	39

The following table shows the number of crimes recorded where the suspect was not a resident of the Barge:

Crime	Count
Criminal Damage	1
Public Order	3
Robbery	1
Theft	2
Violence Against the Person	11
Total	18

The following table shows the number of crimes where the suspect was not a resident of the Barge but occurred within a protest:

Crime	Count
Criminal Damage	1
Public Order	1
Violence Against the Person	1
Total	3

49 incidents linked to the Barge

The number of protests that occurred or information received on planned protests, relating to the Bibby Stockholm is 16.

The Professional Standards Department has provided the following information:

Searches were completed for all complaints recorded since 18/07/2023 that include the following keywords: 'Bibby', 'Stockholm', 'barge', 'asylum', 'Avocet', 'protest' and 'Portland'.

This resulted a nil return.

Finance

The Alliance Finance Department and the Southwest Regional Procurement Department have provided the following information:

No information is held by the Force regarding purchases or procurement. This will be held by the Home Office.

Description	2023/24 (£)	2024/25 (£)	Total
Direct Staffing Costs:			
2 PCSO's	101,546.00	52,870.00	154,416.00
Police Constable	-	42,988.00	42,988.00
Command Structure - Sergeant, Inspector, Chief Inspector, Superintendent & Chief Superintendent	143,400.00	99,241.00	242,641.00
Administrative Support	69,469.00	16,160.00	85,629.00
Police Staff Investigator	138,121.00	50,758.00	188,879.00
Front Counter Officer / Call Handler	100,622.00	-	100,622.00
FIB Researcher	-	47,564.00	47,564.00
Media Support	9,300.00	19,476.00	28,776.00
Overtime Costs	133,607.41	-	133,607.41
Mutual Aid	12,418.25	63,644.00	76,062.25
Analytics, Planning & Support Costs	36,138.50	-	36,138.50
Total Expenditure	744,622.16	392,701.00	1,137,322.53
Home Office Grant	566,014.03	392,701.00	958,715.03
Total Net Expenditure	178,608.13	-	178,607.50

Please note that overtime costs relate to backfill overtime costs from July - December 2024.