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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 182

I write in connection with your request for information dated 1st March concerning incidents and crimes within schools.

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 I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

1. The number of crimes, where the offence location is recorded as 'school', for the following offences:

- Possess offensive weapon
- Possess offensive weapon on school premises
- Threaten with offensive weapon on school premises
- Possess firearm etc with intent to endanger life
- GBH Wounding.
- Attempted murder/murder

2. The type of weapon used

3. The age and gender of the offenders and whether they were charged.

4. The name and/or area (town, city etc) of the school, where possible

Our response:

The information you are requesting is not stored in a way that it is easily retrievable. The first issue is that the 'school' location tag, is not very accurate, as it very often incorporates nearby roads and areas. For example, if there was knife crime on a road next to it, it is very likely this would be found in the results. Additional issues arise when an incident, i.e. student has been found with a knife at school, but then has subsequently returned home. If the officer arrests and deals with the suspect at home, then the log would not be associated with the school, but the school only mentioned in the summary. To conclude, in order to accurately find the information you require, we would manually have to sift through all crime classifications you have stated.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Under our s16 duty to help where we can, we have provided you below the crimes (via HO crime codes) for possessions of knives in schools. This will hopefully provide you with atleast a ballpark figure for your wider questions.

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Jun-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	2: Youth conditional caution	M	14	6inch forrester knife
Oct-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	2: Youth conditional caution	F	12	Kitchen knife
Jan-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/28 Possess offensive weapon on school premises	8: Community resolution	M	12	bottle containing a mixture of bleach, toothpaste, shampoo, water and kitchen cleaner
Jul-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	8: Community resolution	M	10	chisel type tool
Apr-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/28 Possess offensive weapon on school premises	8: Community resolution	M	11	Knife
Sep-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	8: Youth restorative disposal	M	15	stanley knife

May-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	8: Youth restorative disposal	M	15	Knife
May-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/28 Possess offensive weapon on school premises	8: Youth restorative disposal	M	16	hammer
Mar-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	8: Youth restorative disposal	M	13	Knife
Jan-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	M	9	2.5 inch knife
Jul-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	M	15	Multi tool
May-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	M	14	Knife

May-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	M	11	curved bladed knife
Apr-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/62 Threaten a person with a blade/sharply pointed article on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	M	12	Knife
Jan-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	M	14	Knife
Nov-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/28 Possess offensive weapon on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	M	12	Shank
Oct-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/28 Possess offensive weapon on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	M	17	Knife
Oct-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	F	14	Penknife

Sep-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences,	008/63 Threaten a person with an offensive weapon on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	M		16	Knife
Oct-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences,	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	M		15	Knife
Jan-2020	Possession Of Weapons Offences,	008/63 Threaten a person with an offensive weapon on school premises	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	M		18	Acid
Oct-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences,	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M		11	Knife
Jun-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences,	008/62 Threaten a person with a blade/sharply pointed article on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	F		12	Butter knife
Jun-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences,	008/28 Possess offensive weapon on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M		13	Knife

Mar-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	F	13	Kitchen knife
Nov-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M	12	Knife
Nov-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	F	12	stanley knife
Jun-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M	14	Knife
Apr-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M	11	Knife
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Jan-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/28 Possess offensive weapon on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M	13	Knife
Nov-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M	13	Metal object wirth blade
Nov-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M	14	Knife
Jul-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M	14	Military knife
Jun-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M	12	Gerber multitool which contained a 3.5in blade

May-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	M	10	Swiss army knife
Jun-2019	Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	F	10	Knife
May-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/28 Possess offensive weapon on school premises	21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	M	14	Butterfly knife
May-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/62 Threaten a person with a blade/sharply pointed article on school premises	Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	M	12	Axe
Jan-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/63 Threaten a person with an offensive weapon on school premises	Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	M	14	Glass
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	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	M		16	Kitchen knife
Nov-2017	Offences Possession Of Weapons	008/63 Threaten a person with an offensive weapon on school premises	Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	M		14	Glass
Oct-2017	Offences Possession Of Weapons	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	F		12	Knife
Jun-2017	Offences Possession Of Weapons	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	M		16	Knife
May-2017	Offences Possession Of Weapons	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Hist - 2. Caution-youths	M		15	stanley knife
Apr-2018	Offences Possession Of Weapons	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Hist - 2. Caution-youths	M		13	Knife
Feb-2018	Offences Possession Of Weapons	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises					

Jan-2018	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Hist - 2. Caution-youths	M	11	Knife
Jul-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Hist - 2. Caution-youths	M	15	spanner and a lock knife with a 2" blade
Jun-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/28 Possess offensive weapon on school premises	Hist - 2. Caution-youths	M	14	knuckle duster and a small knife
Jun-2017	Possession Of Weapons Offences, Possession Of Weapons Offences	008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Hist - 2. Caution-youths	M	16	Penknife
Oct-2018	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18		9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	M	17	Fist/boot/physical
Feb-2019	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18		15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	F	13	Fist/boot/physical
Feb-2019	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18		15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	F	14	Fist/boot/physical
Jan-2020	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18		1A: Alternate offence charged	M	14	Fist/boot/physical

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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,

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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Tel: 01625 545 700
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