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By email

Date: 13th May 2021

Our ref: FOI 2021/430

Reply contact name is: Abigail Standidge

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11th May 2021 concerning crossbow incidents.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

How many incidents involving crossbows did the force record each year between 2010-most recent date available? Please can this include breakdown of types of crime (eg GBH, murder etc) and what outcome was recorded.

Our response

Please note:

- Due to retention periods under Data Protection legislation, and a change in systems used, our Business Intelligence department are not able to provide data from 2010. They have therefore searched the systems as far back as possible and provided the information from 2015 onwards.
- This data was obtained using the tag for 'bow/crossbow'. The use of these tags cannot always be relied upon, meaning the results returned are not necessarily accurate i.e. human error can lead to a tag being applied when it should not have been and vice versa. To obtain accurate results, a manual review of each occurrence since 2015 would need to be conducted to determine whether the occurrence is relevant to your request.

Please see below table for what can be provided in relation to your request.



Outcome												
	fence	1: Charged	1: Summoned/postal requisition	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1A: Alternate offence charged	1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	Cancelled/transferred	Hist - 1. Charged/summonsed	Hist - 15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED	NZ other incident non crime	Grand Total
2015									1			1
Possess an offensive weapon									1			1
2016					1					4	2	7
-											2	2
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)										1		1
Criminal damage to a vehicle - under £5000					1							1
Criminal damage to other property - under £5000										1		1
Possess an offensive weapon										1		1
Threats to kill										1		1
2017					3						1	4
-											1	1
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)					1							1
Criminal damage to a building - business and community (under £5000)					1							1
Criminal damage to other property (under £5000)					1							1
2018				2	3	1			1		2	9
-											2	2
Affray					1							1
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)						1						1
Attempted burglary business and community					1							1
Criminal damage to a residence (under £5000)					1							1
Fear or provocation of violence (S4 POA)					1							1
Possess an offensive weapon					1				1			2
2019		2	1	3	1						1	8
-											1	1
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)				1								1
Attempted burglary business and community					1							1
Criminal damage to vehicle (under £5000)				1								1
Possess an offensive weapon		1										1
Threaten a person with an offensive weapon in public place		1	1									2
Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18				1								1
2020					3		1	2			1	7
-											1	1
Affray					1							1
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)							1					1
Criminal damage to a residence (under £5000)					1							1
Criminal damage to other property (under £5000)					1							1
Possess an offensive weapon								1				1
Threats to kill								1				1
2021											1	1
-											1	1
Grand Total		2	1	5	11	1	1	2	2	4	8	37

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

Abigail Standidge

Force 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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>