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Our ref: FOI 2022/054

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/01/2022 concerning machete and acid attacks.

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 able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. For the months of November and December 2021 how many crimes were logged by your force where a machete was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "machete" or variants of the spelling to include "machete" and "machetes".
2. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to machete/s by its mention in the MO.
3. Taking the month of December 2021 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention machetes. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].
4. For the months of November and December 2021 how many crimes were logged by your force where acid was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "acid" or "acid-attack".
5. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 4 that are 'linked' to acid and acid attacks by its mention in the MO.
6. Taking the month of December 2021 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention acid. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted]



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Response

As per your questions, the following details have been gained through conducting searches on specific words held within the MOs of these offences.

Question 1:

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Question 2:

ReportedDate	Reported Month Year	Crime SubGroup	OffenceDescription
05/11/2021	Nov-2021	Public Order Offences	Fear or provocation of violence (S4 POA)
17/11/2021	Nov-2021	Possession Of Weapons	Possess an offensive weapon
29/11/2021	Nov-2021	Public Order Offences	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (S4A POA)
30/11/2021	Nov-2021	Violence With Injury	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18
08/12/2021	Dec-2021	Possession Of Weapons	Having an article with a blade or point in a public place
27/12/2021	Dec-2021	Public Order Offences	Affray

Question 3:

There are only 2 MO's that mention machetes in December 2021, which are as follows:

Dec-2021	Suspects have made off from officers and two machetes have been located in a rear garden of an address.
Dec-2021	Report of fighting and arguments between youths. During the disorder person present has been in possession of a machete.

Question 4:

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Question 5:

ReportedDate	Reported Month Year	Crime SubGroup	OffenceDescription
19/11/2021	Nov-2021	Stalking And Harassment	Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety
21/11/2021	Nov-2021	Stalking And Harassment	Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety
18/12/2021	Dec-2021	Violence With Injury	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18

Question 6:

There is only one MO which mentions acid in December 2021, please see below:

Dec-2021	An unknown suspect has poured an acid substance over the IP causing severe burns to his skin.
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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

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.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/>