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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 8th November 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 918

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 4th November 2021 concerning spikings by injection.

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 – having consulted our Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

For the following 5 time periods :-

- The 12 months to November 1, 2021
- The 12 months to November 1, 2020
- The 12 months to November 1, 2019
- The 12 months to November 1, 2018
- The 12 months to November 1, 2017

Please tell me how many times the following 3 wildcard words “injection” , “needle” and “syringe” feature in the summary descriptions of offences recorded under the following 3 Home Office Crime Codes :-

- 008/02 10 (Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy)
- 088/05 10 (Administering a substance with intent)
- 005/05 10 (Administering drug with intent to commit indictable offence)



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Our response:

There have been no instances of the use of the words “injection” , “needle” or “syringe” in any of the 5 time periods you have specified for the following two Home Office codes :-

088/05

005/05

However, for Home Office Code 008/02 please refer to the following table which provides you with the answers to your questions :-

Period	Mentions of word		
	Injection	Needle	Syringe
12m to Nov 1st 2017	0	0	0
12m to Nov 1st 2018	0	1	0
12m to Nov 1st 2019	0	0	0
12m to Nov 1st 2020	0	1	0
12m to Nov 1st 2021	0	0	0

Please Note :-

- When using “wildcard” or “free-text” searches, we are only able to undertake searches of the summary description of a given offence (which amounts to something in the region of 150-200 words. We are not able to search on the complete occurrence log of a given offence.
- If one of these 3 keywords featured in the complete occurrence log of an offence but not in the summary description, then it would not appear in any search results.
- The use of “wildcard” or “keyword” searches are dependant on those specific words being spelt correctly in the summary description of the offence. If, for instance, the word “needle” was mis-spelt as “needel” then, again, it would not feature in any search results.
- Unless an applicant specifically requests the use of “wildcard” or “keyword” searches, Wiltshire Police will not provide answers to FOI requests using this method due to the limitations of the process and potential issues involved.

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,

Nick Penny
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