

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2022/498

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated originally dated 13th June 2022 (however, clarification was sought and received on 16th June 2022) concerning knife crime.

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 after having consulted the Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

With all requests outlined below, please provide a total number although any details which doesn't disclose personal information, such as details on the type of offence would be appreciated.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000,

How many people have been arrested for knife crime for the following years:

May 2019 – May 2020

May 2020 – May 2021

May 2021 – May 2022

How many people have been charged through a knife crime for the following years:

May 2019 – May 2020

May 2020 – May 2021

May 2021 – May 2022

How many victims of knife crime has been recorded in your region for the years:

May 2019 – May 2020

May 2020 – May 2021

May 2021 – May 2022

How many victims under the age of 16 have been recorded by your force for the years:

May 2019 – May 2020

May 2020 – May 2021



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

May 2021 – May 2022

Can you specify how many minors under the age of 16 have been arrested for knife crime? Can you give a break down by age and sex?

May 2019 – May 2020

May 2020 – May 2021

May 2021 – May 2022

Can you specify how many minors under the age of 16 have been charged for knife crime for the years:

May 2019 – May 2020

May 2020 – May 2021

May 2021 – May 2022

Clarification was sought from the applicant regarding a crossover in the times frames provided as this will likely produce duplicate results, and the applicant stated that they would like to amend the dates requested to the following:

May 2019 – end of April 2020

May 2020 – end of April 2021

May 2021 – end of May 2022

Our response:

With all requests outlined below, please provide a total number although any details which doesn't disclose personal information, such as details on the type of offence would be appreciated.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000,

How many people have been arrested for knife crime for the following years:

01/05/2019 – 31/04/2020: **419**

01/05/2020 – 31/04/2021: **401**

01/05/2021 – 31/05/2022: **439**

How many people have been charged through a knife crime for the following years:

01/05/2019 – 31/04/2020: **259**

01/05/2020 – 31/04/2021: **168**

01/05/2021 – 31/05/2022: **163**

How many victims of knife crime has been recorded in your region for the years:

01/05/2019 – 31/04/2020: **518**

01/05/2020 – 31/04/2021: **587**

01/05/2021 – 31/05/2022: **637**

How many victims under the age of 16 have been recorded by your force for the years:

01/05/2019 – 31/04/2020: **48**

01/05/2020 – 31/04/2021: **72**

01/05/2021 – 31/05/2022: **90**

Can you specify how many minors under the age of 16 have been arrested for knife crime? Can you give a break down by age and sex?

May 2019 – May 2020

May 2020 – May 2021

May 2021 – May 2022

Please see the table below for more information:

Reported Year	Gender	Reported Age					
		10	11	12	13	14	15
01/05/2019 – 31/04/2020	Totals	1	-	1	3	4	28
	M	1	-	1	3	4	26
	F	-	-	-	-	-	2
01/05/2020 – 31/04/2021	Totals	-	-	3	5	19	18
	M	-	-	2	4	19	17
	F	-	-	1	1	-	1
01/05/2021 – 31/05/2022	Totals	1	1	1	4	14	16
	M	1	-	1	4	12	15
	F	-	1	-	-	2	1

Can you specify how many minors under the age of 16 have been charged for knife crime for the years:

01/05/2019 – 31/04/2020: **21**

01/05/2020 – 31/04/2021: **21**

01/05/2021 – 31/05/2022: **19**

Please note:

This data uses the tag for weapon used: possessed knife/blade and the weapon used tag is subject to human error – it can be mistakenly applied when not knife/blade related or not applied when it would be appropriate.

Also the charge outcomes include:

1: Charged

1: Summoned/postal requisition

1A: Alternate offence charged

1A: Alternate offence summoned

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,

Kay Moore
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
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