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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 28th June 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 530

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23th June 2022 concerning Knife and Bladed-Item 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 – having consulted our Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I would like to know:

- 1) How many under 18 boys in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been arrested on suspicion of carrying a knife/bladed article?
- 2) How many under 18 girls in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been arrested on suspicion of carrying a knife/bladed article?
- 3) How many under 18 boys in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been charged with GBH/ABH where a knife/bladed article was used?
- 4) How many under 18 girls in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been charged with GBH/ABH where a knife/bladed article was used?
- 5) How many under 18 boys in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been convicted of GBH/ABH where a knife/bladed article was used?
- 6) How many under 18 girls in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been convicted of GBH/ABH where a knife/bladed article was used?



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- 7) How many under 18 boys in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been charged with murder where the cause of death was an attack involving a knife/bladed article?
- 8) How many under 18 girls in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been charged with murder where the cause of death was an attack involving a knife/bladed article?
- 9) How many under 18 boys in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been convicted of murder after an attack involving a knife/bladed article?
- 10) How many under 18 girls in the following years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 - have been convicted of murder after an attack involving a knife/bladed article?

If possible could I have this information in an email in a column format. Please could you also include the age of the alleged offender where possible.

Our response:

The answers you require are on the attached excel spreadsheet.

Please note however :-

- In regards to Questions 1 and 2 of your request, for clarity and the avoidance of all doubt, Wiltshire Police **do not** arrest anyone on suspicion of carrying a knife or bladed-item. An individual may be stopped and search on suspicion of carrying an offensive weapon but they are not arrested on suspicion of carrying a knife or bladed-item.
- In regards to Questions 5, 6, 9 and 10 of your request, Wiltshire Police do not hold any information related to conviction data. To obtain this information you will need to submit an FOI request directly to the CPS (Crown Prosecution Service).

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