

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 31st October 2022

Our Ref FOI 2022/786

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th October 2022, concerning shootings within the last 3 years.

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 and our response:

Please note:

- ❖ Crimes tagged with weapon used firearm is a manually applied tag and therefore may be subject to human error (applying when it should not have been applied / not being applied when it should have etc).
- ❖ The below figures relate to all crimes involving a firearm (i.e. criminal damage etc).

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1. How many shootings have occurred within the last three years? Please break down the figures for each of the last three full calendar years (2019, 2020 and 2021).

Crimes tagged with weapon used firearm	Reported Year		
	2019	2020	2021
Firearm used	11	10	14
Other fire arm	11	14	6

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Pistol, revolver etc	2	4	1
Prohibited fire arm	0	2	0
Shotgun	0	0	0
Shotgun (sawn off)	1	0	0
Total	25	30	21

2. How many shootings have occurred within the last three years where the gun was not recovered (to the date this request is received)? Please break down the figures for each shooting in the last three full calendar years (2019, 2020 and 2021).

Wiltshire Police do not hold this data.

3. How many shootings have occurred within the last three years which led to a suspect being charged? Please break down the figures for each of the last three calendar years (2019, 2020 and 2021).

Outcome	Disposal Year		
	2019	2020	2021
1: Charged	7	7	4
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	5	2	0
1A: Alternate offence charged	2	1	2
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	3	0	0
3: Adult caution	1	1	1
Total	18	11	7

For clarification, shootings refer to all firearm discharges. Please exclude all air weapons from figures.

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,

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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 Fol 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 to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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