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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 24th January 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 1002

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th December 2022 concerning Knife and Gun 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 (and Our Response) :

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with the following:

1. Monthly knife crime offences recorded within the force's jurisdiction broken down by LSOA geographical area and recorded date (and also marked whether there was a gang crime flag) from January 1st 2019 to the end of December 31st 2022.
2. Monthly firearm offences recorded within the force's jurisdiction broken down by LSOA geographical area and recorded date (and also marked whether there was a gang crime flag) from January 1st 2019 to the end of December 31st 2022.

For Questions 1 and 2 please refer to the attached spreadsheet which details the reported knife crime and firearm offences by month for the time period you require.

This is in accordance with Knife & Gun crime reported to the Home Office via ADR 160 & Crimsec 30 to the end of December 2022



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Please Note :-

The link to LSOA is based on the Eastings/Northings locators held on our systems against the given occurrence number. If an occurrence has one or other of these Eastings/Northings unlisted, then the occurrence concerned will not be reported under a specific LSOA and will be listed on the attached spreadsheet as “-“.

We do not use any form of flagging of occurrences on our system(s) to indicate whether an occurrence is deemed to be “gang-related”. Our response to this part of your request is therefore - No Information Held.

3. The annual charge rate for knife crime offences (offences which have led to charges or court summons) for each of the last four calendar years (including 2022). Please also state the total number of offences and total charges/court summons for each of the four years.

The table below shows the volume of knife crime per annum, together with details of those cases where an individual has received a charge or summons.

It needs to be noted that in each year there are a number of cases which are still effectively open/live investigations and which may also result in further charges/summons being made going forwards, which will obviously affect the figures quoted below :-

Knife Crimes			
Reported Year	Crimes	Charged or Summonsed	Open / live cases
2019	274	67	2
2020	211	38	5
2021	254	28	13
2022	288	19	80

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