

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



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Date 21/11/2023

Our ref **FOI 2023/1051**

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/10/2023 concerning crime outcomes and suspect ages.

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 Team at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

For the year ending March 2023, please could you provide a breakdown of the number of crime outcomes for your police force split by whether the suspect was an adult, child (under 18), or unknown. Please use the outcome groups from the Home Office police outcomes statistics, which are listed below.

Outcome group	Adults	Children	Unknown
Charged/Summoned			
Diversions, educational or intervention activity, resulting from the crime report, has been undertaken and it is not in the public interest to take any further action.			
Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)			

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Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)			
Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest – police decision			
Investigation complete – no suspect identified			
Out-of-court (formal)			
Out-of-court (informal)			
Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest			
Responsibility for further investigation transferred to another body			
Taken into consideration			
Not yet assigned an outcome			

Response

Please note:

Reported Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023			
There are additional outcomes included in the below table which were not listed in the FOI request.			
DetectionStatus/Reported Age	Child (under 18)	Adult (18 or over)	Unknown
1. 1a Charged / Summonsed	252	3273	3
2: Youth caution	12		
2: Youth conditional caution	19		
2A: Alternate offence youth conditional caution	11		
3. 3A Adult caution / Conditional Caution	8	372	
4: TIC (taken into consideration)		14	
5: Offender has died		12	
7: Cannabis warning		1	
8: Community resolution / Youth restorative disposal	255	298	8
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	6	19	
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	18	133	
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	18	1	
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	11	822	14
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill		17	2
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	3	14	
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	24	380	
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2122	6137	206
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	2039	7484	189

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17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	29	324	6
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	42	213	19
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	390	614	35
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	244	123	5
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.	214	90	
Not yet assigned an outcome	180	971	6
Other incident non crime	1	2	
Total	5898	21314	493

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

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.

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

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