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Our ref: 2023-1190

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th December 2023 regarding 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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by Business Intelligence at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

How many people have been charged with a knife crime offence by your police force in the following years: 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

How many reports of knife crime offences have you had in your police force in the following years: 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Our response:

1. How many people have been charged with a knife crime offence by your police force in the following years:

Weapon Used/Reported year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Knife/blade (used/threatened)	76	95	95	49	56	49
Knife/bladed (possession)	85	136	102	105	128	61

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2. How many reports of knife crime offences have you had in your police force in the following years:

Weapon Used/Reported year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Knife/blade (used/threatened)	401	467	472	432	543	534
Knife/bladed (possession)	237	304	252	294	419	286

Please note, this data has been obtained using our 'weapons used' tag. This is not a mandatory tag and therefore may be liable to error

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