

**Police Headquarters**

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Date: February 16, 2024

Our ref: FOI 2024/092

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22nd January 2024 concerning murder and attempted murder.

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 Major Crime Investigation Team and the Team Performance Department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You Wrote:

For the offences of MURDER and ATTEMPTED Murder, please state over each of the last five years, in the year to September, the following:

The number AND % of reported MURDERS and ATTEMPTED MURDERS which resulted in:

- Charged/Summonses
- Taken into consideration

Out-of-court (formal)

- Caution - youths.
- Caution - adults
- Penalty notices for disorder

- Out of court (informal)

- Cannabis/Khat warning
- Community resolution

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Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest

- Offender died
- Not in public interest (CPS)
- Not in public interest (police)
- Prosecution prevented - suspect under age
- Prosecution prevent - suspect too ill
- Prosecution time limit expired

Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)

Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)

Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action.

Evidential difficulties: Suspect identified; victim does not support further action

Investigation complete - no suspect identified

Action undertaken by another body/agency

Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest.

Diversionary, 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.

Total offences assigned an outcome

Offences not assigned an outcome

Total offences.

Response:

Murder

Charged

2018 = 1

2019 = 2

2020 = 2

2021 = 3

2022 = 3

2023 = 3

Taken into Consideration

2019 = 1

2022 = 2

2023 = 2

Offences not Assigned an Outcome

2019 = 1

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Attempted Murder

Charged

2019 = 4

2020 = 4

2021 = 3

2022 = 4

2023 = 6

Alternate Offence Charged

2022 = 1

Named Suspect too ill to Prosecute

2019 = 1

Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties

2019 = 1

2022 = 1

Victim Declines / Withdraws Support – Named Suspect Identified

2021 = 1

Offences not Assigned Outcome

2023 = 4

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,

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



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



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

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