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Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21st February 2024 regarding convictions of asylum seekers for crimes involving corrosive substances.

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding convictions of asylum seekers for crimes involving corrosive substances within the past 12 months.

Specifically, I am interested in the following details:

1. The total number of individuals who have sought asylum in the UK and have been convicted of crimes involving the use of corrosive substances or similar chemicals in attacks, within the last 12 months.
2. If possible, a breakdown of these convictions by:
 - Type of offence
 - Location (e.g., city or police district)
 - Sentence received

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I understand that due to privacy and data protection considerations, personal identifying information about the individuals involved cannot be disclosed. Therefore, I request only aggregated data that respects these constraints.

Our response:

No information held.

We do not hold conviction data, however under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, I would advise that you approach the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in this instance, to see if they are able to assist.

Please note should you refine your request to exclude conviction data, this may still incite further exemptions as there is no tag or flag that we are able to easily search on our systems that would provide data involving asylum seekers.

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