



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 18th March 2024

Ref: FOI 2024/281

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 4th March 2024 concerning acid/corrosive substance attacks.

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 after having consulted our Business Intelligence team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote & our response:

- Based on your latest available data, how many acid/corrosive substance attacks have been recorded by your police force over the past 10 years? Can you break the victims down by age and gender if possible.
- Provide all recorded outcomes for these crimes, or whichever outcomes you select.

Reported Year	Victim Reported Age	Victim Gender	Offence Description	Detection Status	Substance
2013	19	F	Common assault (S39) and assault without injury (Class 105A)	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	Bleach
2013	18	M	Harassment (S2 Harassment Act 1997)	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	Paint
2013	30	F	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	Descaler

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2017	30	M	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	Acid
2018	13	F	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	Battery acid
2018	47	F	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	Battery acid
2019	58	M	Common assault (S39) and assault without injury (Class 105A)	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	Bleach
2019	20	M	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	Ammonia
2019	68	F	Common assault (S39) and assault without injury (Class 105A)	17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	White spirit
2019	25	F	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	Cancelled/transferred	Disinfectant
2020	45	M	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	Acid
2020	57	F	Common assault (S39) and assault without injury (Class 105A)	8: Youth restorative disposal	Bleach
2021	41	M	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	Acid
2024	37	M	Common Assault and Battery	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	Alcohol

- How many attempted or threatened acid/corrosive substance attacks have there been over the past five years?
- Provide all recorded outcomes for these crimes, or whichever outcomes you select.

Zero over the last 5 years.

For both of the above questions, if possible, can you say what substance was used/threatened to be used, e.g. household bleach.
If possible, please provide all requested data broken down by year by calendar year.

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.



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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.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.

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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