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Our ref: 2024-937

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd October 2024 regarding offences committed by children under the age of 10.

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 Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote (and our response):

Please can you provide me the following information broken down by the following calendar years:

2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 up until 30 September.

1) How many offences have been recorded by your force which have been committed by children aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility)

	Distinct Count of OccNo
2013	49
2014	24
2015	11
2016	15

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2017	35
2018	49
2019	49
2020	43
2021	50
2022	33
2023	19
2024	23
Grand Total	400

2) A breakdown of the offences suspected to have been committed by children under the age of 10

Distinct Count of OccNo	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
All Other Theft Offences	2	1	1	1	1	1		3				
Arson	2											
Bicycle Theft	2		1		2					1		
Burglary Business and Community						1						
Burglary Residential					1		1					
Criminal Damage	15	4	4	3	8	12	12	9	2	4	4	4
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society		1			2		1	3	4		1	2
Other Sexual Offences	3			2					2	3	1	2
Possession Of Weapons							2					
Public Order Offences	2	3		2		1	3	4	5	4		1
Rape												1
Robbery	1											
Shoplifting	2	2			1	2				1		
Stalking And Harassment				1	1		3	4	1		1	
Vehicle Offences												1
Violence With Injury	14	7	2	1	10	9	16	5	9	6	1	3
Violence Without Injury	6	6	3	5	9	23	11	15	27	14	11	9

3) A breakdown of the ages of suspects aged under 10 suspected of committing an offence

Distinct Count of OccNo	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5	Age 6	Age 7	Age 8	Age 9
2013		1	1	3	7	14	24
2014			2	1	2	5	18
2015					3	5	3
2016	1	1		1	2	2	9
2017		1	3	5	7	8	16
2018	1	1	1	1	8	9	31
2019			1	2	9	14	28
2020			2	4	4	10	24
2021		1	1	5	9	12	24
2022		1	1	2	5	7	18
2023		1			5	4	9
2024			1	3	3	1	17

To be clear I am not asking for a breakdown of the age and offence together as I understand this would create a risk of identification. This information can be presented separately to avoid this.

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