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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 17th June 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 553

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2nd June 2025⁴ concerning Acid Attacks / Corrosive Fluid Offences.

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 – having consulted our Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response)

For each calendar year from 2019, including 2025 to date:

1. The number of offences that were categorised as an acid attack or corrosive fluid offence, broken down by month.

Wiltshire Police record crime in accordance with current Home Office Crime Recording classifications.

There is currently only one specific crime code in existence to record/track offences as Acid Attacks or Corrosive Fluid Attacks independently, which is HO Code 005/07 and is defined as the following :-

“Causing explosions, sending explosive substance or throwing corrosive fluids with intent to do grievous bodily harm”.

There are no results recorded in our systems under this particular crime code.



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Our crime recording system does – however – have a field in which we record the Weapon Used in an offence. We have used this field to identify those offences where the Weapon Used flag has been marked as Acid / Corrosive Fluid.

The offences recorded by month where the Weapon Used flag has been recorded as Acid / Corrosive Fluid have been as follows :-

	Year							
Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Jan	2	1			1	1		5
Feb					2		1	3
Mar	3					1		4
Apr	1	2				2		5
May	5	1			1	1		8
June								0
July	2		1	1	1			5
Aug			2					2
Sept								0
Oct	1	2	1	1				5
Nov		1						1
Dec	2		1					3
Total	16	7	5	2	5	5	1	41

2. The number of offences mentioned in question 1 that were recorded as Violent Offences within the category 'Violence Against the Person'.

	Year						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Violence Against The Person	3	2	2	1	3	1	0

3. The number of threats of acid attacks/corrosive fluid attacks against the person, broken down by month.

	Year							
Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Jan						1		1
Feb					1		1	2
Mar								0
Apr								0
May								0
June								0
July								0
Aug								0
Sept								0
Oct								0
Nov								0
Dec								0
Total	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3

4. The ethnicity, age and gender of victims of the offences mentioned in question 1, broken down by calendar year.

Gender, Age, Self-Defined Ethnicity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
FEMALE	5	3			2	4	1	15
18						1		1
W1. White British						1		1
27	1							1
A9. Any other Asian background	1							1
28	1							1
W1. White British	1							1
30		1						1
W1. White British		1						1
32						1		1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded						1		1
34					1			1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded					1			1
41							1	1
W1. White British							1	1
42					1			1
W9. Any other white background					1			1
45	1							1
W1. White British	1							1
48	1					2		3
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded						1		1
W1. White British	1					1		2
57		1						1
W1. White British		1						1
65		1						1
W1. White British		1						1
68	1							1
W1. White British	1							1
MALE	9	3	3	2	2	1		20
13					1			1
W1. White British					1			1
20	1							1
W1. White British	1							1
26			1					1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded			1					1
33				1				1
W1. White British				1				1
36	1							1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded	1							1
37		1				1		2
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded		1				1		2
41			1					1
W1. White British			1					1
42					1			1
W1. White British					1			1
45		1						1
W1. White British		1						1
47	1							1
W1. White British	1							1
52	2							2
M2. Mixed White & Black African	1							1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded	1							1
54	1							1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded	1							1
58	1							1
W1. White British	1							1
63		1						1
W1. White British		1						1
67			1					1
W1. White British			1					1
79	2							2
W2. White Irish	2							2
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded				2				2
GENDER NOT STATED	2	1	2		1			6
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded	2	1	2		1			6
Total	16	7	5	2	5	5	1	41

5. The ethnicity, age and gender of victims of the offences mentioned in question 2, broken down by calendar year.

Gender, Age, Self-Defined Ethnicity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
FEMALE	1	1			2		4
34					1		1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded					1		1
42					1		1
W9. Any other white background					1		1
57		1					1
W1. White British		1					1
68	1						1
W1. White British	1						1
MALE	2	1	2	1	1	1	8
13					1		1
W1. White British					1		1
20	1						1
W1. White British	1						1
26			1				1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded			1				1
37						1	1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded						1	1
41			1				1
W1. White British			1				1
45		1					1
W1. White British		1					1
58	1						1
W1. White British	1						1
GENDER NOT STATED				1			1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded				1			1
Total	3	2	2	1	3	1	12

6. The ethnicity, age and gender of victims of the offences mentioned in question 3, broken down by calendar year.

Gender, Age, Self-Defined Ethnicity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
FEMALE					1		1	2
34					1			1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded					1			1
41							1	1
W1. White British							1	1
MALE						1		1
37						1		1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded						1		1
Total	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3

7. The ethnicity, age and gender of suspects of the offences mentioned in question 1, broken down by calendar year.

Gender, Age, Self-Defined Ethnicity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
FEMALE	2	1			1			4
12					1			1
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean					1			1
44	1							1
W1. White British	1							1
51		1						1
B9. Any other Black background		1						1
58	1							1
W1. White British	1							1
MALE	2	2	1	1	1		1	8
12	1							1
W9. Any other white background	1							1
14		1						1
W1. White British		1						1
22							1	1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded							1	1
28				1				1
W1. White British				1				1
29	1							1
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean	1							1
37			1					1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded			1					1
45					1			1
W1. White British					1			1
57		1						1
W1. White British		1						1
GENDER NOT STATED	12	4	4	1	3	5		29
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded	12	4	4	1	3	5		29
Total	16	7	5	2	5	5	1	41

8. The ethnicity, age and gender of suspects of the offences mentioned in question 2, broken down by calendar year.

Gender, Age, Self-Defined Ethnicity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
FEMALE	2	1			1		4
12					1		1
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean					1		1
44	1						1
W1. White British	1						1
51		1					1
B9. Any other Black background		1					1
58	1						1
W1. White British	1						1
MALE		1	1	1	1		4
14		1					1
W1. White British		1					1
28				1			1
W1. White British				1			1
37			1				1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded			1				1
45					1		1
W1. White British					1		1
GENDER NOT STATED	1		1		1	1	4
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded	1		1		1	1	4
Total	3	2	2	1	3	1	12

9. The ethnicity, age and gender of suspects of the offences mentioned in question 3, broken down by calendar year.

Gender, Age, Self-Defined Ethnicity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
FEMALE					1			1
12					1			1
M1. Mixed White & Black Caribbean					1			1
MALE							1	1
22							1	1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded							1	1
GENDER NOT STATED						1		1
Ethnicity Not Stated / Recorded						1		1
Total	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3

10. Outcomes of the offences mentioned in 1, broken down by calendar year.

Outcome	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
1: Summoned/postal requisition				1				1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender			1					1
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		1						1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2							2
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified		2	1		1			4
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	1							1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	11	3	3	1	4	5		27
8: Community resolution	1						1	2
8: Youth restorative disposal		1						1
Open / Live Investigation	1							1
Total	16	7	5	2	5	5	1	41

11. Outcomes of the offences mentioned in 2, broken down by calendar year.

Outcome	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
1: Summoned/postal requisition				1				1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender			1					1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1							1
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified		1	1		1			3
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	1							1
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1	1			2	1		5
Total	3	2	2	1	3	1	0	12

12. Outcomes of the offences mentioned in 3, broken down by calendar year.

Outcome	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified					1	1		2
8: Community resolution							1	1
Total	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3

Please Note

- The Weapon Used field is non-mandatory. Its' use is discretionary on the part of the individual recording the crime. There is a possibility that other offences have been recorded where acid or corrosive substances have played a part, but this has not been noted in the Weapon Used field.
- For Questions 3, 6, 9 and 12 where you request information about threats made, I have viewed the summary description of the offences concerned to identify if a threat has been made when the crime was recorded.

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,

Nick Penny
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.pnn.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 the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

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