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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 22nd October 2025

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2025 / 975

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th October 2025 concerning Acid or Corrosive Fluid 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 – having consulted our Business Intelligence Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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 attack against the person as per the Home Office/NPCC definition here:

"All notifiable violence against the person and robbery, involving the throwing, spraying or pouring of acid or a similarly corrosive substance onto the body of another with the intention to disfigure, torture, kill or otherwise incapacitate for criminal purposes."

2) For each calendar year, the gender of victim(s) of attacks as specified in question one - ie how many of the victims were male, female or otherwise specified.

3) For each calendar year, the gender of attacker(s)/suspect(s) (where known) in attacks as specified in question one.

4) For each calendar year, the ethnicity of victim(s) of attacks as specified in question one.



5) For each calendar year, the ethnicity of attacker(s)/suspect(s) (where known) in attacks as specified in question one.

6) The outcome of offences specified in question one - ie the number of arrests and convictions.

Our response

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 sytems under this particular crime code.

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:

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