

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via email



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Date: 02/03/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/177

Reply contact name:

Dear ,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/02/2026 regarding Knife offences in schools.

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 unit at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

Under the FOI Act, please provide me with the following information on knife crime in schools. Please do not refer me to previous similar data sets, as I'm looking for the exact data requested.

Q1: For the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and 2025 the number of offences involving a knife committed at schools?

Q2: For the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and 2025 the number of offences involving a knife at school broken down by offence subgroup as per the Home Office counting rules?

Q3: For the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and 2025 the number of suspects for offences involving a knife committed at schools broken down by age and sex of the suspect?

Q4: For the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and 2025 the number of offences involving a knife committed at schools broken down by how the suspect knows the victim?

Q5: For the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and 2025 the number of suspects for offences involving a knife committed at schools broken down by age and sex of the victim?

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Our response:

Caveats:

The response is based on the following Offence Descriptions: Having an article with a blade or point on school premises, Threaten a person with a blade/sharply pointed article on school premises, Possess an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises, Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises

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	Distinct Count of OccNo
2021	9
2022	18
2023	14
2024	13
2025	12
Grand Total	66

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Distinct Count of OccNo	Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Possess an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises	Threaten a person with a blade/sharply pointed article on school premises	Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises	Grand Total
2021	9				9
2022	5	12	1		18
2023		12		2	14
2024		12		1	13
2025		7		5	12
Grand Total	14	43	1	8	66

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	Female				Male										Grand Total
	12	13	14	15	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	22	33	
2021		1	1			3				2					7
2022			2				7	1	4	2	1	1			18
2023	1		2	2	1	1		1	5		1				14
2024	1		1	1	1	3		2				1	1	1	11
2025		1				2		2	2	1					8
Grand Total	2	2	6	3	2	9	7	6	11	5	2	2	1	1	58

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Distinct Count of OccNo	Acquaintance	Other	Stranger - seen but not known	Victimless/crime against state	Grand Total
2021				9	9
2022		1		17	18
2023	3			11	14
2024			1	12	13
2025	2	1		9	12
Grand Total	5	2	1	58	66

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	Male						Not Recorded	NULL	Grand Total
Distinct Count of OccNo	9	11	12	13	27	50	9	NULL	
2021								9	9
2022						1		17	18
2023				2				12	14
2024					1			12	13
2025	1	1	1				1	8	12
Grand Total	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	58	66

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

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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.

Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN
Telephone 101 ext 62005

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.

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

Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>