

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 24th March 2026

Our Ref FOI 2026-229

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24th February 2026, concerning arrests for violent and sexual offences and recidivism.

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 the Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

Please could you provide the statistics of the number of people who have been arrested as a result of GBH/ABH for the years 2014,2015,2016,2017,2018,2019,2020,2021,2022,2023,2024?

Please could you provide the statistics of the number of people who have been arrested as a result of Murder/Manslaughter for the years 2014,2015,2016,2017,2018,2019,2020,2021,2022,2023,2024?

Please could you provide the statistics of the number of people who have been arrested for Sex offences for the years 2014,2015,2016,2017,2018,2019,2020,2021,2022,2023,2024?

Please could you provide the statistics of the number of people who have been arrested as a result of Recidivism for the years 2014,2015,2016,2017,2018,2019,2020,2021,2022,2023,2024?

Clarification received 06.03 - In regard to my last question on recidivism, I am referring to repeat offenders overall.

Our response:

Please note: There is a 6-year retention period. Due to when the searches were conducted, the earliest available arrest data for questions 1-3 (GBH / ABH, murder / manslaughter, sexual offences) is from 1st February 2020 and for question 4 (recidivism) the earliest available arrest data is from 1st March 2020.

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GBH / ABH arrests

Offence Wording	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Administer poison with intent to endanger life / inflict grievous bodily harm	-	-	1	1	1
Aid abet counsel and procure an assault on a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm	2	-	4	3	-
Assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm	467	566	702	894	966
Attempt burglary dwelling with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm	1	-	-	-	-
Attempt to assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm	5	6	10	17	10
Attempt to cause grievous bodily harm with intent to do grievous bodily harm	6	8	17	12	23
Burglary dwelling - attempt grievous bodily harm	-	-	-	1	1
Burglary dwelling - with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm	2	3	1	3	2
Burglary dwelling inflict grievous bodily harm	-	-	-	-	1
Burglary other than dwelling - with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm	1	-	-	-	-
Conspire to assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm	-	-	-	1	2
Conspire to cause grievous bodily harm with intent	4	-	3	3	3
Conspire to commit burglary a dwelling with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm upon a person therein	1	-	-	-	-
Racially / religiously aggravated assault occasioning actual bodily harm	-	-	3	4	-
Section 18 - cause grievous bodily harm with intent to resist / prevent arrest	-	-	-	1	-
Section 18 - grievous bodily harm with intent	85	116	146	129	162
Throw / cast corrosive fluid with intent to burn / maim / disfigure / disable / do grievous bodily harm	-	-	-	-	-
Wound / inflict grievous bodily harm without intent	55	52	52	60	48
Total	629	751	939	1129	1219

Murder / Manslaughter arrests

Offence Wording	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Attempt murder - victim aged 1 year or over	7	10	15	16	12
Conspire to murder - potential victim one year of age or older	2	3	1	3	3
Manslaughter	-	-	1	3	1
Murder - victim one year of age or older	3	7	6	9	4
Murder - victim under one year old	-	-	3	1	-
Total	12	20	26	32	20

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Sexual offences arrests

Crime Sub Group	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Other Sexual Offences	149	189	224	302	359
Rape	141	181	190	206	301
Total	290	370	414	508	660

Recidivism arrests

Number of individuals arrested more than once on different dates, within the same year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	1086	1195	1290	1565	1673

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,

FDU 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 Fol 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

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

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