WILTSHIRE POLICE

XXXX – Via email

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Wiltshire
SN10 2DN
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Date: 11th November 2026 **Our ref:** FOI 2026-1013

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25th October regarding having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises.

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 Unit at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote (and our response):

I would like to request the following information under the freedom of information Act 2000:

1. How many reports of (Home Office code 008/27) Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises have you received from January 1st, 2020, to September 31st, 2026?

Reported Year	Volume of Crimes
2020	4
2021	9
2022	17
2023	12
2024	12
2025	7
2026	14

2. Please can you provide a breakdown of the gender and age of the perpetrator for each of these reports of having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises between January 1st, 2020, to September 31st, 2026?

Reported Year	Gender	Volume of Crimes
2020	M	2
2020	F	1
2021	M	5
2021	F	2
2022	M	15
2022	F	2
2023	M	7
2023	F	5
2024	M	7
2024	F	3
2025	M	6
2025	F	1
2026	M	10
2026	F	2

Reported age	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
10				1	1		1
11		3		1	3	1	
12	1		6	1	1		1
13		1	1		1	3	3
14		1	6	6	1	2	2
15	1	2	2	2	1	1	4
16			1	1			1
17			1		1		1
33					1		
49	1						
Total	**3**	**7**	**17**	**12**	**10**	**7**	**13**

3. Please can you provide the outcome for each of these reports of having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises between January 1st, 2020, to September 31st, 2026?

Reported Year	Crime Volume	Detection Status
2020	1	1: Charged
2020	1	11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility
2020	1	15: Police – named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties

2020	1	21: Police – named suspect, investigation not in the public interest
2021	5	15: Police – named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
2021	2	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy
2021	1	11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility
2021	1	22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.
2022	7	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy
2022	4	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
2022	4	22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.
2022	1	8: Youth restorative disposal
2022	1	21: Police – named suspect, investigation not in the public interest
2023	6	22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.
2023	3	15: Police – named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
2023	3	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy
2024	5	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy
2024	3	8: Youth restorative disposal
2024	3	22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.
2024	1	1: Charged
2025	5	8: Youth restorative disposal
2025	1	2: Youth conditional caution
2025	1	15: Police – named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
2026	5	20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy
2026	2	2: Youth conditional caution
2026	2	8: Youth restorative disposal
2026	2	New
2026	1	11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility
2026	1	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
2026	1	21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest

4. Please can the information be presented in a spreadsheet with the data broken down year by year?

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.

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.

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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 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

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 you contact them, please visit https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/