

Devon & Cornwall Police

Record 1

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The Performance & Analysis Department has provided the following information:

Data Source:

Crime Information System – Niche

Data Processing:

QlikSense Crimes & Outcomes Report

Filtered on Corrosive Substance

Filtered on Crimed Date: 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2025

Caveats/Limitations

No crimes/Cancelled Crimes excluded

Restricted Crimes Excluded

We are unable to provide sentencing data; this is held by the Courts.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for the last three full calendar years (2023, 2024, 2025):

Please break all of the following down by year (2023, 2024, 2025):

1. The number of recorded offences involving the use of an acid or other corrosive substance against a person.

1a) Where held, the number of those offences that resulted in a sentence.

1b) Where held, the number of those offences in which no custodial sentence was imposed.

1c) Where held, the number of those offences in which no suspect was identified.

Between 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2025 the number of offences recorded involving the use of an acid or other corrosive substance against a person by Outcome and Calendar Year				
Outcome	2023	2024	2025	Total
Action Against Suspect Not in Public Interest	1	0	1	2
Action taken by another body/agency	1	0	1	2
Adult Caution	0	1	0	1
Charged/Summonsed	1	1	3	5
Community Resolution	0	1	0	1

Evidential Difficulties - Victim Declines	1	3	1	5
Investigation Complete: No Suspect - Case Closed	8	7	15	30
Investigation Ongoing	0	2	0	2
Offender Died	0	1	0	1
Suspect Identified - Evidential Difficulties	4	11	11	26
Victim no Support	2	6	7	15
Youth Caution	0	1	0	1
Total	18	34	39	91

Please note that the police handle arrests and charging; for sentencing and convictions please submit a new request to [HM Courts & Tribunals Service - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-courts-and-tribunals)