



FOI ref no: 14624

10th August 2022

Freedom of Information request: reference 14624, first notified to us by email on 28th July 2022.

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as detailed below:

I write, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, to request the number of reports of domestic abuse received by this force where the victim identified as part of the LGBTQ community between January 2017 and June 2022.

As part of this request, I would like the information to be broken down into the following:

i) The number of domestic abuse reports received by this force where the victim identified as part of the LGBTQ+ community broken down into months, years and a grand total;

ii) The number of domestic abuse reports received by this force where the victim identified as heterosexual, broken down into months, years and a grand total;

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

On behalf of Staffordshire Police I wish to advise you that whilst I can confirm that Staffordshire Police does hold the information requested, the force claims the provision under Section 12(1) of the Act (where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit). 'Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

This is because there is no easy retrievable system to extract data to answer this request. Domestic abuse incidents or crimes are not broken down by filters such as 'LGBTQ victims', therefore a very labour intensive manual trawl would be required by going into each individual domestic abuse record so establish if it fitted the criteria of this request. There are over 95,000 records in the time period requested therefore it has been estimated that to answer this request will take approximately four minutes to review each record which equates to approximately 6,333 hours. To achieve this task would exceed the time and cost threshold of the FOI Act.

Unfortunately I cannot suggest a way in which your request could be simplified or pared down to bring it within the confines of the time and cost threshold.



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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this email and should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
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