



**STAFFORDSHIRE  
POLICE**

**FOI ref no: 14472**

**27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Freedom of Information request: reference 14472 first notified to us by email on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

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

*This is freedom of information request relating to the number of complaints made under the following sections of the following Acts:*

1. *The Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006, Section 1 (Hatred against persons on religious grounds)*
2. *The Justice of the Peace Act 1361, as it relates to Breaches of the Peace*
3. *The Public Order Act 1986, Sections 1-5*

*Please include the information for each of the following financial years; 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22*

- *The number of complaints under the above Acts that specifically mentioned any of the following words: Islam, Muslims, the Qu'ran (or alternative spellings), the Prophet Muhammad (or alternative spellings), Aisha (or alternative spellings), Allah (or alternative spellings), Hadith (or alternative spellings), haram, halal, hadith*
- *The amount of police time spent on investigating each complaint. If this isn't possible I would be happy with information on the total amount of time spent on these complaints*

**CLARIFICATION RECEIVED ON 15/06/22**

*Please provide information about general crime complaints.*

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

**Staffordshire Police does hold the requested information.**

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**Nil.**

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**Not applicable.**

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Please note that these figures have been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitations of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional crimes may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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:

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