

6 August 2024

FOI Ref 16561

Request - You asked us the following:

Restraining orders

- In each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, how many breaches of restraining orders were recorded by your force?
- Please provide data on the number of reports of breaches of restraining orders that resulted in a “no further action” outcome in the year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023
- Please provide the number of reports of breaches of restraining orders that resulted in a charge outcome in the year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023

Domestic violence protection orders

- In each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, how many breaches of domestic violence protection orders were recorded by your force
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Non-molestation orders

- In each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, how many breaches of non-molestation orders were recorded by your force?
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Stalking protection orders

- In each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, how many breaches of stalking protection orders were recorded by your force?
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We received your request on 26/02/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

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Please note that Domestic Violence Protection Orders are non-recordable offences.

Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.

Restraining orders

- In each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, how many breaches of restraining orders were recorded by your force? – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 16561 Breaches of Orders Data.CSV'.**
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Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences 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 data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been 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.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

Several matters within the dataset provided currently remain ongoing at this time. Disclosure of further details relating to these occurrences at this time would prejudice police activities both for ongoing and future investigations, and would be likely to cause significant harm to the law enforcement function of Staffordshire Police and the administration of justice.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- **Section 30(1)(a)(b) – Criminal Investigations**
Section 30 is qualified and prejudice-based and, as such, we are required to evidence the harm in disclosure and apply the public interest test.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the information would improve the public's knowledge and understanding of the investigatory process and, as all police investigations are publicly funded, would show how public funds are being spent.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the requested information would prejudice how investigations are carried out in the future. Staffordshire Police is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. Any release of information relating to ongoing investigations could prejudice and undermine those investigations. The prevention and detection of such matters



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could therefore be hindered and therefore risk interference with evidence, which could have detrimental impact on future investigations. In addition, the right to a fair trial could be undermined.

Balance test

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant. Having considered the public interest factors we are required to determine whether on balance the factors favouring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is our view that the factors favouring disclosure do not outweigh those which favour non-disclosure.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

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Or by Post to:

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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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