

5 August 2024

FOI Ref 16608

Request - You asked us the following:

Could you please supply me with the following information concerning police incidents involving doormen, bouncers, and security staff, as outlined below.

How many calls out to bars and clubs were received between 2019-2024? How many of these were reports against or involving bouncers / doormen? Please can this be categorised into 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024.

How many police reports have been filed against bouncers / doormen in these time periods?

Could you provide the number of charges filed or legal action taken against the doormen / security staff in 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024?

Could you provide information regarding the charges filed or legal actions taken against the doormen / security staff in 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024?

Are there any ongoing training programs/initiatives aimed at preventing misconduct among door/security staff 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024?

Do you have a procedure to feedback data on incidents to local licensing authorities?

We received your request on 05/03/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

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

Staffordshire Police withholds the following information.

- Could you please supply me with the following information concerning police incidents involving doormen, bouncers, and security staff, as outlined below. – **Withheld.**
- How many calls out to bars and clubs were received between 2019-2024? How many of these were reports against or involving bouncers / doormen? Please can this be categorised into 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024. – **Withheld.**
- How many police reports have been filed against bouncers / doormen in these time periods? – **Withheld.**
- Could you provide the number of charges filed or legal action taken against the doormen / security staff in 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024? – **Withheld.**



- Could you provide information regarding the charges filed or legal actions taken against the doormen / security staff in 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024? – **Withheld.**
- Are there any ongoing training programs/initiatives aimed at preventing misconduct among door/security staff 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024? – **Withheld.**
- Do you have a procedure to feedback data on incidents to local licensing authorities? – **Withheld.**

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer this request. For the time period requested, Staffordshire Police received in excess of 12,000 calls with the location type listed as either 'night club' or 'public house'. In order to determine whether the reports were against or involving bouncers or doormen, the record for each report would require manual review. This is because there exists no mandatory field within which occupation is routinely recorded within our incident reporting systems. Furthermore, occupation is again not routinely recorded within our crime/occurrence recording system, so questions relating to reports filed against, or charges/legal action taken against bouncers or doormen would also require a manual review of each record.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 5 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 1,000 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information Act by some considerable margin.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
Section 12(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'.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

If questions 1-4 were withdrawn, Staffordshire Police would be able to provide a response for the final two questions.



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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:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

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

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