

9 August 2024

FOI Ref 16727

Request - You asked us the following:

As of Friday 5 April 2024:

1. How many arrest warrants in the force area were outstanding?
 2. When does the oldest outstanding arrest warrant date from, and what alleged offences are relevant to the warrant?
 3. What is the average length that outstanding arrest warrants have been outstanding for?
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4. If information is easily available, what is the largest offence category / descriptor for outstanding arrest warrants?

We received your request on 08/04/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

As of Friday 5 April 2024:

1. How many arrest warrants in the force area were outstanding? – **Information held.**
2. When does the oldest outstanding arrest warrant date from, and what alleged offences are relevant to the warrant? – **Information held.**
3. What is the average length that outstanding arrest warrants have been outstanding for? – **No information held.**
4. If information is easily available, what is the largest offence category / descriptor for outstanding arrest warrants? – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

As of Friday 5 April 2024:

1. How many arrest warrants in the force area were outstanding? – **Disclosed – 537 Live warrants.**
2. When does the oldest outstanding arrest warrant date from, and what alleged offences are relevant to the warrant? – **Disclosed –13/08/1991 and the warrant offence is Other- Violence/Person.**
3. What is the average length that outstanding arrest warrants have been outstanding for? – **No information held.**



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4. If information is easily available, what is the largest offence category / descriptor for outstanding arrest warrants? – **Disclosed - Other- theft.**

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.

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

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