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FOI Ref 16789

Request - You asked us the following:

Your definition of what is classified as a gang

How many active gangs are known to this Police force?

We received your request on 22/04/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- Your definition of what is classified as a gang – **Information held.**
- How many active gangs are known to this Police force? – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- Your definition of what is classified as a gang – **Disclosed - “Individuals, normally working with others, with the intent and capability to commit serious crime on a continuing basis, which includes elements of: planning / control / coordination / structure / group decision-making.”**

NOTE: This definition does not require the individuals to have committed serious crime. If the gang has the intent and capability to commit serious crime, it should be recorded.

- How many active gangs are known to this Police force? – **Disclosed –There are currently 25 mapped within Staffordshire.**

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.

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.



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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:

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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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