

20 August 2024

FOI Ref 16914

Request - You asked us the following:

a) How Many Animals Have Been Found Deceased, or Injured by or Reported Injured or Deceased to Staffordshire Police Officers, PCSOs, or Other Members of Staff Since 2008 (or the nearest available dates)

ii) by Species

iii) by Parish, Borough, Council, District, Ward, or Other Administrative, or Delineated Area

iv) whether Found Abandoned, or Injured (by the roadside for example), or Found at a Residential or Industrial Property

b) How Many Animals Have Been Found Deceased, or Injured by or Reported Injured or Deceased to Staffordshire Police Officers, PCSOs, or Other Members of Staff Since 2008 (or the nearest available dates) in Gnosall and Woodseaves Ward, or the Parishes of High Offley, Church Eaton, Haughton, Norbury, Seighford, Ellenhall, Ranton, and Gnosall

c) How Many Animals Have Been Found Deceased, or Injured by or Reported Injured or Deceased to Staffordshire Police Officers, PCSOs, or Other Members of Staff Since 2008 (or the nearest available dates) in Stafford, and Stafford Beaconside (Milwich)

d) Do Background Checks on Police Officers include Cruelty to Animals

We received your request on 28/05/2024 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.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can identify whether information is held relevant to your request. Within our incident management system there is no specific identifier for this type of incident. If an incident were to be created, it could fall under a number of categories, or the information would not be recorded at all. We would therefore be required to manually trawl through thousands of incident records occurring within the specified time period to ascertain whether an animal has been found deceased at your requested location. Furthermore, Staffordshire Police do not have any responsibility to remove dead animals and this would fall to either Highways, or in the case of deer, the deer warden; therefore, this would not be recorded within our systems.



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It has been estimated to review these logs would take approximately three minutes per record. Therefore, to determine whether any information is held relevant to your request would 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(2)

In order to identify whether or not information is or isn't held would exceed the cost threshold in accordance with Section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as in order to satisfy S1(1)(a) of the Act would exceed the cost threshold.

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.

Staffordshire Police would be able to provide a response for question (d) if the other questions were withdrawn.

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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