

20 August 2024

FOI Ref 16942

Request - You asked us the following:

I wish to make a freedom of information request for data in relation to knife crime. I would like all of the data in calendar years.

How many persons, aged 13-17 have been arrested for knife crime for the following years:

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

How many persons, aged 13-17 have been victims of knife crime for the following years:

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

How many persons, aged 18 or above have been arrested for knife crime for the following years:

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

How many persons, aged 18 or above have been victims of knife crime for the following years:

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Can you please also provide a breakdown of final outcome for each of the above requested data sets, eg. Of those arrested, aged 13-17 for knife crime, what was their final outcome, eg. NFA, charged, conditional caution etc. for the following years:

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Of those arrested, aged 18 or above for knife crime, what was their final outcome, eg. NFA, charged, conditional caution etc. for the following years:

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

What is the police and crime commissioner currently doing to combat knife crime?

Please supply details of current initiatives.

What has been spent in £ on these initiatives?

Please supply figures in calendar years for 2018 through to 2023.

We received your request on 11/06/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- How many persons, aged 13-17 have been arrested for knife crime for the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 – **Information held.**
- How many persons, aged 13-17 have been victims of knife crime for the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 – **Information held.**
- How many persons, aged 18 or above have been arrested for knife crime for the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 – **Information held.**

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2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 – **Information held.**
- What is the police and crime commissioner currently doing to combat knife crime?
Please supply details of current initiatives. – **No information held.**
- What has been spent in £ on these initiatives?
Please supply figures in calendar years for 2018 through to 2023. – **No information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- How many persons, aged 13-17 have been arrested for knife crime for the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 16942 Knife Crime and Initiatives Data.CSV'.**
- How many persons, aged 13-17 have been victims of knife crime for the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 16942 Knife Crime and Initiatives Data.CSV'.**
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Please note that arrest data has been provided from 2020 onwards. This is because on 20th May 2020 Staffordshire Police implemented a new case management system. This system brought data from a number of legacy systems into one to provide a single nominal record, including the custody system. The old custody system has now been decommissioned and as a result there is no search facility to be able to retrieve the requested data prior to 2020.

With regard to questions 2 and 4, data relating to the number of victims has been provided from our crime/occurrence database for each occurrence which has had a knife crime tag applied.

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.

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 do not hold information relating to the Police and Crime Commissioner. You may find the information you require by emailing FOI.PFCC@staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk or via the website <https://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/foi/>

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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