

21 August 2024

FOI Ref 16974

Request - You asked us the following:

- The number of arrests for drink and drug driving each year since 2016.
- The number of police officers in your force each year since 2016.
- Your force's budget each year since 2016.
- The budget spent by your force on the road's policing department, each year since 2016.
- How much does your force spend on ordering drugs wipes each year?
- How much is one drugs wipe to order?
- How many drugs wipes have been ordered each year since 2016?
- How many officers in your force are trained to use the drugs wipe?
- How much does it cost to order a breath box and how much does your force spend on this each year?
- The number of 999 calls received overall in 2022.
- The number of 999 calls received in 2022 regarding a possible drink or drug driver?
- The number of 999 calls received in 2022 regarding a possible drink or drug driver that were attended by at least one police unit.

We received your request on 20/06/2024 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.

- The number of arrests for drink and drug driving each year since 2016. – **Withheld.**
- The number of police officers in your force each year since 2016. – **Withheld.**
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- Your force's budget each year since 2016. – **Withheld.**
- The budget spent by your force on the road's policing department, each year since 2016. – **Withheld.**
- How much does your force spend on ordering drugs wipes each year? – **Withheld.**
- How much is one drugs wipe to order? – **Withheld.**
- How many drugs wipes have been ordered each year since 2016? – **Withheld.**
- How many officers in your force are trained to use the drugs wipe? – **Withheld.**
- How much does it cost to order a breath box and how much does your force spend on this each year? – **Withheld.**
- The number of 999 calls received overall in 2022. – **Withheld.**
- The number of 999 calls received in 2022 regarding a possible drink or drug driver? – **Withheld.**
- The number of 999 calls received in 2022 regarding a possible drink or drug driver that were attended by at least one police unit. – **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, there have been in excess of 224,000 calls to 999. Within our incident reporting systems, there is no call type specific to drink or drug driving; this could be recorded under any number of different call types. All of these incident logs would require manual review in order to determine whether they involved drink or drug driving.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 3 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 11,200 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'.



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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 the requirement for information relating to the number of 999 calls received in 2022 regarding a possible drink or drug driver, and the number of 999 calls received in 2022 regarding a possible drink or drug driver that were attended by at least one police unit was withdrawn, Staffordshire Police would be able to provide information for the remaining questions. However, please be aware that further substantive exemptions may apply.

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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