

29 August 2024

FOI Ref 17040

Request - You asked us the following:

1. Which three fixed position speed cameras in your area were responsible for (i) the issuing of the most notices of intended prosecution (NIPs) to suspected speeders in the combined three-year period of 2021, 2022 and 2023?

By this I mean which three cameras were the busiest across the entire three-year period rather than which three were busiest in each year. Hence the response should be just three camera sites and no more.

2. Please provide me with the position of each of the three cameras along with the number of NIPs that each of these three was responsible for over this three year period.

3. If possible please provide me with the number of (i) FPNs and (ii) driver education courses that were accepted as 'punishment' by the people issued with the NIPs at each of the camera sites identified by Question 1.

We received your request on 12/07/2024 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 discloses/withholds the following information.

1. Which three fixed position speed cameras in your area were responsible for (i) the issuing of the most notices of intended prosecution (NIPs) to suspected speeders in the combined three-year period of 2021, 2022 and 2023? By this I mean which three cameras were the busiest across the entire three-year period rather than which three were busiest in each year. Hence the response should be just three camera sites and no more. – **Withheld.**
2. Please provide me with the position of each of the three cameras along with the number of NIPs that each of these three was responsible for over this three year period. – **Withheld.**
3. If possible please provide me with the number of (i) FPNs and (ii) driver education courses that were accepted as 'punishment' by the people issued with the NIPs at each of the camera sites identified by Question 1. – **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 37,000 notices of intended prosecution issued, and in order to determine whether or not the offender was offered a speed awareness course or given a fixed penalty notice, the record for each offence would require manual review. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record.

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 1,850 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'.

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 question 3 was withdrawn, Staffordshire Police would be able to provide the information requested in questions 1 and 2.

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

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