

30 August 2024

FOI Ref 17068

Request - You asked us the following:

1. Please provide the monthly figure for Violence Against the Person crimes that took place in schools and nurseries/kindergartens between June 2022 and June 2024, with a separate figure for schools and nurseries if possible.

2. Referring to Violence Against the Person crimes that took place in schools and nurseries/kindergartens in June 2024 only, in what number of cases was CCTV footage reviewed as part of the investigation? Please also state the number of times CCTV was not available or existent to corroborate a reported incident, if that information is recorded.

I understand that this may mean manually examining crime records to see if CCTV was reviewed. If this is the case, please examine the 33 most recent records, and then state the amount that reviewed CCTV.

3. Please provide the monthly figure for Violence Against the Person crimes that took place in care homes between June 2022 and June 2024.

4. Referring to Violence Against the Person crimes that took place in care homes in June 2024 only, in what number of cases was CCTV footage reviewed as part of the investigation? Please also state the number of times CCTV was not available or existent to corroborate a reported incident, if that information is recorded.

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5. Please provide the monthly figure for Violence Against the Person crimes that took place in hospitals between June 2022 and June 2024.

6. Referring to Violence Against the Person crimes that took place in hospitals in June 2024 only, in what number of cases was CCTV footage reviewed as part of the investigation? Please also state the number of times CCTV was not available or existent to corroborate a reported incident, if that information is recorded.

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We received your request on 22/07/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

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Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.

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- 2. Referring to Violence Against the Person crimes that took place in schools and nurseries/kindergartens in June 2024 only, in what number of cases was CCTV footage reviewed as part of the investigation? Please also state the number of times CCTV was not available or existent to corroborate a reported incident, if that information is recorded.
I understand that this may mean manually examining crime records to see if CCTV was reviewed. If this is the case, please examine the 33 most recent records, and then state the amount that reviewed CCTV. – **Partially Disclosed – Please see the accompanying file entitled ‘FOI 17068 Violence Against the Person Crimes Data’.**

Please note a manual trawl has been conducted for the 33 most recent records in June 2024 where the location subtype was listed as ‘School’ or ‘Daycare/Nusery’.

Please note that there are 2 offences that are still being investigated so with regard to these cases we are citing Section 30(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Investigations conducted by Public Authorities.

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I understand that this may mean manually examining crime records to see if CCTV was reviewed. If this is the case, please examine the 33 most recent records, and then state the amount that reviewed CCTV. – **Disclosed – nil.**

Please note a manual trawl has been conducted for June 2024 for the most recent 33 occurrences, where the location subtype has been recorded as ‘Care establishment other’ or ‘Nursing home’.

Please note that there are 2 offences that are still being investigated so with regard to these cases we are citing Section 30(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Investigations conducted by Public Authorities.

- 5. Please provide the monthly figure for Violence Against the Person crimes that took place in hospitals between June 2022 and June 2024. – **Disclosed – Please see the accompanying file entitled ‘FOI 17068 Violence Against the Person Crimes Data’.**
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Please note a manual trawl has been conducted for June 2024 which has returned 16 occurrences, where the location subtype has been recorded as ‘Medical - Hospital’.

Please note the data has been extracted from our Crime/Occurrence database, whereby the Local Offence Group has been recorded as ‘Other Violence against the person’, ‘More serious violent crime with injury’ and ‘Less serious violent crime with injury’. Likewise, they are further offences which may have occurred at your requested locations, where no MO Location has been included in this dataset.

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.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

Several matters within the dataset provided currently remain ongoing at this time. Disclosure of further details relating to these occurrences at this time would prejudice police activities both for ongoing and future investigations, and would be likely to cause significant harm to the law enforcement function of Staffordshire Police and the administration of justice.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- **Section 30(1)(a)(b) – Criminal Investigations**
Section 30 is qualified and prejudice-based and, as such, we are required to evidence the harm in disclosure and apply the public interest test.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the information would improve the public's knowledge and understanding of the investigatory process and, as all police investigations are publicly funded, would show how public funds are being spent.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the requested information would prejudice how investigations are carried out in the future. Staffordshire Police is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. Any release of information relating to ongoing investigations could prejudice and undermine those investigations. The prevention and detection of such matters could therefore be hindered and therefore risk interference with evidence, which could have detrimental impact on future investigations. In addition, the right to a fair trial could be undermined.

Balance test

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant. Having considered the public interest factors we are required to determine whether on balance the factors favouring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is our view that the factors favouring disclosure do not outweigh those which favour non-disclosure.



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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:

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