

29 August 2024

FOI Ref 17074

Request - You asked us the following

I am getting in touch as I would like to request the following information:

Could you please provide me with a comprehensive list of unsolved murders that happened within the area you police from the year 1980? Additionally could you please provide the following details where possible? :

- a. The date of the murder
- b. The sex of the victim
- c. The name of the victim
- d. The victim's age
- e. The location of the murder
- f. A brief description of the murder
- g. Whether any arrests have been made
- h. The name(s) of any of the officer(s) who investigated the murder

Ideally it would be great if this could be formatted as either a PDF, Microsoft Word Document or Excel spreadsheet attached to this email.

We received your request on 23/07/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information

- 1. Could you please provide me with a comprehensive list of unsolved murders that happened within the area you police from the year 1980? - **Information held.**
- 2. Additionally could you please provide the following details where possible? :
 - a. The date of the murder - **Information held.**
 - b. The sex of the victim - **Information held.**
 - c. The name of the victim - **Information held.**
 - d. The victim's age - **Information held.**
 - e. The location of the murder - **Information held.**
 - f. A brief description of the murder - **Information held.**
 - g. Whether any arrests have been made - **Information held.**
 - h. The name(s) of any of the officer(s) who investigated the murder - **Information held.**



Staffordshire Police withholds the following information

- 1. Could you please provide me with a comprehensive list of unsolved murders that happened within the area you police from the year 1980? - **Withheld, Section 21.**
- 2. Additionally could you please provide the following details where possible? :
 - a. The date of the murder - **Withheld, Section 21.**
 - b. The sex of the victim - **Withheld, Section 21.**
 - c. The name of the victim - **Withheld, Section 21.**
 - d. The victim's age - **Withheld, Section 21.**
 - e. The location of the murder - **Withheld, Section 21.**
 - f. A brief description of the murder - **Withheld, Section 21.**
 - g. Whether any arrests have been made - **Withheld, Section 21.**
 - h. The name(s) of any of the officer(s) who investigated the murder - **Withheld, Section 21.**

Please be aware that there are no more offences between 2022 and 2024.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

The information can already be found within the public domain.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- **Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.**
Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.

Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested.

- [Published items - 15250 | Staffordshire Police](#)

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



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Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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