

29 August 2024

FOI Ref 17104

Request - You asked us the following:

1. How many speeding fines has the force issued in the last three years? Broken down by year (between April 6- April 5 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)

2. For the last year alone (April 6 - April 5 2023/24), Can you provide the 20 roads where motorists have been caught speeding?

2a) Can the figures include the name of the road and the total number of drivers caught speeding (issued with fines, given points on their licence or offered driving course) for each borough/city. Can you also provide details of whether they were caught by a speed camera (fixed or variable), police mobile or some other way.

We received your request on 29/07/2024 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. How many speeding fines has the force issued in the last three years? Broken down by year (between April 6- April 5 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24) – **Withheld.**
- 2. For the last year alone (April 6 - April 5 2023/24), Can you provide the 20 roads where motorists have been caught speeding? – **Withheld.**
- 2a) Can the figures include the name of the road and the total number of drivers caught speeding (issued with fines, given points on their licence or offered driving course) for each borough/city. Can you also provide details of whether they were caught by a speed camera (fixed or variable), police mobile or some other way. – **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 150,000 speeding occurrences recording within our fixed penalty notice recording system. In order to determine the name of the road, and the total number of drivers caught speeding for each borough, alongside further information regarding the method in which the offender was caught speeding, the record for each offence would require manual review.



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From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 4 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 10,000 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 2a was withdrawn, Staffordshire Police would be able to provide information relating to the total number of speeding fines issued in the last 3 financial years, with information on the top 10 roads whereby people were caught speeding.

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

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