

17 September 2024

FOI Ref 17116

Request - You asked us the following:

Can you please disclose:

-The number of reports involving the key words 'QR fraud' or 'QR scam' or 'QR' from 2022 to now. Please provide a month by month breakdown.

-Details of the allegation made including the exact location the offence allegedly took place (for example an NCPP car park) and the original purpose of the QR code (for example to pay for parking, or order a meal online).

-The number of arrests and or charges made

We received your request on 01/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- The number of reports involving the key words 'QR fraud' or 'QR scam' or 'QR' from 2022 to now. Please provide a month by month breakdown. – **Information held.**
- Details of the allegation made including the exact location the offence allegedly took place (for example an NCPP car park) and the original purpose of the QR code (for example to pay for parking, or order a meal online). – **Information held.**
- The number of arrests and or charges made – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- The number of reports involving the key words 'QR fraud' or 'QR scam' or 'QR' from 2022 to now. Please provide a month by month breakdown. – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17116 QR Fraud Data.PDF'.**
- Details of the allegation made including the exact location the offence allegedly took place (for example an NCPP car park) and the original purpose of the QR code (for example to pay for parking, or order a meal online). – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17116 QR Fraud Data.PDF'.**

- The number of arrests and or charges made – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled ‘FOI 17116 QR Fraud Data.PDF’.**

Please note that the data presented includes only those incidents whereby a QR code was a part of the incident/allegation itself.

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 incidents 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.

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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Or by Post to:

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

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