

24 September 2024

FOI Ref 17150

Request - You asked us the following:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For the full request, including definitions of terms used, please find a PDF document attached.

Please release the following information relating to people missing in your force area in the following time periods:

- 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023
 - 1 January 2024 to 31 May 2024
1. How many individual children were reported missing to your force?
 2. How many individual adults were reported missing to your force?
 3. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force related to children going missing?
 4. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force related to adults going missing?
 5. How many missing incidents resulted in a fatality? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately
 6. Please could you share the causes of death in those fatal cases

We received your request on 13/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- 1. How many individual children were reported missing to your force? - **Information held.**
- 2. How many individual adults were reported missing to your force? - **Information held.**
- 3. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force related to children going missing? - **Information held.**
- 4. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force related to adults going missing? - **Information held.**
- 5. How many missing incidents resulted in a fatality? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately - **Information held.**
- 6. Please could you share the causes of death in those fatal cases – **No information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- 1. How many individual children were reported missing to your force? - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17150 Missing Persons Data'.**
- 2. How many individual adults were reported missing to your force? - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17150 Missing Persons Data'.**
- 3. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force related to children going missing? - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17150 Missing Persons Data'.**
- 4. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force related to adults going missing? - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17150 Missing Persons Data'.**
- 5. How many missing incidents resulted in a fatality? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17150 Missing Persons Data'.**
- 6. Please could you share the causes of death in those fatal cases – **No information held, please be advised we do not record the cause of death because the official cause of death would not be recorded at that time.**

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.

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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