

18 September 2024

FOI Ref 17152

**Request - You asked us the following:**

1) How many charges for Murder were given in your forces area over the previous years stated below, starting from the 2018 calendar year.

2023

2022

2021

2020

2019

2018

Please split this data up by the number of charges for each year. If this is not possible, could you please provide this information as a total over the previous years listed above. Please provide this information in spreadsheet format (CSV or XLS).

2) Within your forces area, could you provide a breakdown of the areas that have the most murder charges. This does not need to be broken down by postcode, towns would be sufficient for this.

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.**

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Please split this data up by the number of charges for each year. If this is not possible, could you please provide this information as a total over the previous years listed above. Please provide this information in spreadsheet format (CSV or XLS). – **Information held.**

- 2) Within your forces area, could you provide a breakdown of the areas that have the most murder charges.

This does not need to be broken down by postcode, towns would be sufficient for this. – **Information held.**

**Staffordshire Police discloses/withholds the following information.**

- 1) How many charges for Murder were given in your forces area over the previous years stated below, starting from the 2018 calendar year.

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Please split this data up by the number of charges for each year. If this is not possible, could you please provide this information as a total over the previous years listed above. Please provide this information in spreadsheet format (CSV or XLS). – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17152 Murder Charges Data'.**

- 2) Within your forces area, could you provide a breakdown of the areas that have the most murder charges.

This does not need to be broken down by postcode, towns would be sufficient for this. – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17152 Murder Charges Data'.**

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.

**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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