

15 October 2024

FOI Ref 17248

Request - You asked us the following:

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

Please send me the following information

1/ Between Aug 23 to July 24 Staffordshire Police arrested 1883 foreign nationals (dual nationality 76, EU 859, non-EU 948), what type of offences and the number of each type of offence were committed by these foreign nationals.

Clarification from applicant 08/10/2024:

Yes I can confirm this request.

Further Clarification from applicant 08/10/2024:

I obtained the figure of 1883 from your force in a reply to my original FOI.

Further Clarification from applicant 08/10/2024:

As all Police forces are required to provide the arrest & offences committed by foreign nationals on at least a monthly basis to provide these figures to the HOIE and the NCCU, so you do hold this information but Staffordshire Police refused, failing in you legal duty to provide these figures under the FOI Act.

We received your request on 10/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

1/ Between Aug 23 to July 24 Staffordshire Police arrested 1883 foreign nationals (dual nationality 76, EU 859, non-EU 948), what type of offences and the number of each type of offence were committed by these foreign nationals. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17248 Arrest of Foreign Nationals Data'.**

Please note that the data presented has been retrieved from a search of our crime/occurrence recording system between, 01/08/2023 to 31/07/2024 for arrest records whereby the detainee's nationality has not been recorded as 'UK', 'England', 'Scotland', 'Wales' or 'Northern Ireland', these have been removed. Additionally, records have been omitted where there has been no detainee nationality recorded or this has been recorded as unknown. Likewise, we are unable to determine the figure you have disclosed as 1883 as this does not correspond to what Staffordshire Police hold.

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:

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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