

22 October 2024

FOI Ref 17281

Request - You asked us the following:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to the number of reports to your force regarding businesses practicing and offering aesthetic treatments.

For avoidance of doubt, we are defining these businesses as anything that includes 'aesthetics' in the name:

ITV News would like to request the following information:

1. In the last 4 years, how many times have your police force been contacted with a report about a business offering aesthetic treatments – e.g. botox, fillers, non surgical Brazilian butt lifts?

Please break down the data as follows:

- a. 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021
- b. 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022
- c. 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023
- d. 1st January 2024 – 17th September 2024

2. For each year, how many of those incidents reported injury related to treatments being offered?

Please break down the data as follows:

- a. 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021
- b. 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022
- c. 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023
- d. 1st January 2024 – 17th September 2024

We received your request on 20/09/2024 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. In the last 4 years, how many times have your police force been contacted with a report about a business offering aesthetic treatments – e.g. botox, fillers, non surgical Brazilian butt lifts? – **Disclosed, please see below:**

Please break down the data as follows:

- a. 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021 – **Nil.**
- b. 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022 – **Nil.**
- c. 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023 – **Disclosed, 1.**
- d. 1st January 2024 – 17th September 2024 – **Nil.**



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- 2. For each year, how many of those incidents reported injury related to treatments being offered?

Please break down the data as follows:

- a. 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021 – **Nil.**
- b. 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022 – **Nil.**
- c. 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023 – **Nil.**
- d. 1st January 2024 – 17th September 2024 – **Nil.**

Please be advised that a keyword search for 'aesthetics' has been carried out on our incident database, followed by a manual trawl of each incident record to establish if this was related to a report about a business offering aesthetics treatments and of those occurrences where an injury occurred.

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

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