

18 October 2024

FOI Ref 17296

Request - You asked us the following:

I am looking for information regarding driving offences committed in 2023 and to date in 2024 linked with unsuitable footwear or clothing.

Specifically I am looking for:

- A list of all offences committed in 2023 and to date in 2024 (separated per year) that are linked to footwear or clothing
- Fines attributed to each offence
- Total cost of fines in 2023 and to date in 2024 (separated per year) that are linked to footwear or clothing
- Total number of offences committed in 2023 and to date in 2024 (separated per year) linked to footwear or clothing

Preferably I would like this in Excel format.

We received your request on 26/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

The following exemptions have been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
- Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer this request. There is no offence specific to unsuitable footwear or clothing. For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 290 offences that may be linked to drivers wearing unsuitable footwear or clothing. In order to determine whether this was the case, and to establish the cost of any fines attributed to each offence, the record for each offence would require manual review.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 5-10 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to between 24 and 48 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information Act by some considerable margin.



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Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

Unfortunately, we cannot suggest a way in which your request could be simplified or pared down in order to bring it within the confines of the time and cost threshold.

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
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

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

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