

24 October 2024

FOI Ref 17320

Request - You asked us the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from this police force.

- 1) How many Foreign Nationals were arrested by this force during each of the calendar years 2019; 2022; 2023? (Please separate by year)FOI
- 2) How many UK nationals were arrested during the calendar year 2019; 2022; 2023? (Please separate by year)
- 3) How many UK nationals were arrested by this police force between August 2023 - July 2024?
- 4) Which crime type / category was the most commonly committed by UK nationals between August 2023 - July 2024?

We received your request on 03/10/2024 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:

Arrest data for the 2019 calendar year is not readily available. This is because on 20th May 2020 Staffordshire Police implemented a new case management system. This system brought data from a number of legacy systems into one to provide a single nominal record, including the custody system. The old custody system has now been decommissioned and as a result there is no search facility to be able to retrieve the requested data. It would entail searching thousands of records to establish if it fitted the criteria of the request. To achieve this task would exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold stipulated by the Freedom of Information Act.

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.



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If the requirement for data from 2019 was withdrawn, Staffordshire Police would be able to provide all other data requested.

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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