

23 October 2024

FOI Ref 17324

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

Can you please provide data for the following questions:

- 1) How many zombie-style knives and machetes were surrendered to your force between August 26 and September 23 2024? If possible, can you provide a breakdown for the types of weapon.
- 2) What was the total value of compensation claims made for zombie-style knives and machetes surrendered between the above dates?

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:

**Staffordshire Police does not hold the requested information.**

- 1) How many zombie-style knives and machetes were surrendered to your force between August 26 and September 23 2024? If possible, can you provide a breakdown for the types of weapon. – **No information held.**
- 2) What was the total value of compensation claims made for zombie-style knives and machetes surrendered between the above dates? – **No information held.**

**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.

The information you are requesting is being collated by our force on behalf of the Home Office and is not being used for a policing purpose. This is determined by the process stipulated during the surrender period which confirms the information collected/retained by the forces is only being done so as directed by the HO and for their purpose only. Section 3(2)(a) stipulates that information is considered as being held - unless it is solely being held on behalf of another person.

In this instance, we would recommend that you request this information directly from the Home Office :- [foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk)

**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:



STAFFORDSHIRE  
**POLICE**

[foi@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto: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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