



23 October 2024

FOI Ref 17326

Request - You asked us the following:

1. How many bladed weapons and knives have been handed into your force between 26 August 2024 and 23 September 2024.

2. Of these, the number that qualify as a 'zombie knife' under the following definition:

- A blade of over 8 inches
- A sharp pointed end

With one or more of the following:

- A serrated cutting edge over two inches long
- More than one hole in the blade
- Spikes
- More than two sharp points in the blade.

We received your request on 04/10/2024 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.

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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.

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



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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

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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Central Disclosure Unit