

25 October 2024

FOI Ref 17405

Request - You asked us the following:

Thank you, other police forces have been able to answer a refined FOI request.

The refined request would be:

1. how many individuals are currently Released Under Investigation (RUI)
 2. what offence each individual is currently Released Under Investigation for
 3. how many days each individual has been RUI
- Is this possible please?

We received your request on 25/10/2024 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:

There is no method by which we can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer this request. For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 1,300 individuals released under investigation. In order to determine the offence each individual was arrested for, the custody record for each individual would require manual review.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 5 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 108 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by some considerable margin.

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.

If question 2 was withdrawn, Staffordshire Police would be able to provide data for the number of individuals released under investigation as at 09/10/2024, and how many days each of these individuals has been released under investigation.



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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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