

1 November 2024

FOI Ref 17334

Request - You asked us the following:

Freedom of Information Act Request: conditions imposed, and arrests made under, section 12 and section 14 Public Order Act 1986 since 21 May 2024.

We write to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA") to request information.

This request relates to Staffordshire Police's use of powers under section 12 and section 14 of the Public Order Act 1986 (s.12 and s.14 POA) in respect of protests since 21 May 2024.

Therefore, please provide the following information:

1. A list of all protests where conditions were imposed under s.12 and s.14 conditions between 21 May 2024 and present (7 October 2024).
2. A copy of the document publicising the conditions imposed on each protest disclosed in response to question 1. And a list of the channels it was published on.
3. The number of people arrested for breaching s.12 and s.14 conditions since 21 May 2024.
4. If retrievable within the cost limit, the number of people arrested for breaching s.12 and s.14 conditions since 21 May 2024 broken down by:
 1. The name of the offence in the greatest detail possible, specifying any offence codes
 2. Whether the offence was related to breaching the conditions imposed on the protest and, if retrievable within the cost limit, the specific conditions allegedly breached.

We remind you of your obligations under s16 FOIA to assist and advise requesters. If providing the requested information would trigger the cost exemption, please let us know as soon as possible and we will refine our request. Likewise, if our request is unclear, please contact us. If any of the requested information is already in the public domain, please direct us to it, with page references and URLs where appropriate.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, please supply us with the confidentiality agreement (which must be signed to be effective). If you redact exempted information in documents, we ask you to show where redactions have been made and justify those redactions. We remind you that the time taken for redactions does not usually contribute towards the cost cap under FOIA.

We received your request on 07/10/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- 1. A list of all protests where conditions were imposed under s.12 and s.14 conditions between 21 May 2024 and present (7 October 2024). – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 2. A copy of the document publicising the conditions imposed on each protest disclosed in response to question 1. And a list of the channels it was published on. – **Not applicable.**
- 3. The number of people arrested for breaching s.12 and s.14 conditions since 21 May 2024. – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 4. If retrievable within the cost limit, the number of people arrested for breaching s.12 and s.14 conditions since 21 May 2024 broken down by: - **Not applicable.**
- 1. The name of the offence in the greatest detail possible, specifying any offence codes - **Not applicable.**
- 2. Whether the offence was related to breaching the conditions imposed on the protest and, if retrievable within the cost limit, the specific conditions allegedly breached. - **Not applicable.**

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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:

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

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