

6 November 2024

FOI Ref 17343

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to make the following freedom of information request to your NHS trust.

Please can you give the following information for the following years 2021, 2022, 2023 and if possible so far 2024.

I'd like the information for elderly care homes ie those over 65. If you cannot break that down please provide the information for all adult care homes and make that clear

1. How many reports of concerns about abuse/safeguarding have been reported to your force within in adult care home setting? (care homes, nursing homes etc) *In terms of abuse – physical, financial, sexual, neglect. Please break down by the years above and if possible by the type of allegation.
2. How many of those reports have resulted in an investigation into the allegations? Please break down by the years above and if possible by the type of allegation.
3. How many of those investigations have resulted in charges being brought by the force? Please break down by the years above and if possible by the type of allegation.

We received your request on 09/10/2024 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 750 concern for welfare reports whereby the location type was categorised as 'care home'. In order to determine whether the incident involved abuse or a safeguarding concern, the type of abuse, whether or not an investigation was conducted and the outcomes of any such investigation, the report for each incident 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 62 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information Act by some considerable margin.



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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.

Unfortunately, we cannot suggest a way in which your request could be simplified or pared down in order to bring it within the confines of the time and cost threshold.

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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