



STAFFORDSHIRE  
**POLICE**

1 November 2024

FOI Ref 17346

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

I would like to request the following information, recorded by your police force, for the calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023:

1. The number of motorcycle accidents resulting in:

- a) Death
- b) Serious injury

For each accident, please include the following details (if available):

- Likely cause or contributing factors (e.g., speeding, road conditions, etc.).
- Was the motorcyclist wearing a helmet? (Yes/No/Unknown/Not Recorded).
- The time of day the incident occurred, using the following time brackets:  
00:00-06:00 (Early Morning)  
06:01-12:00 (Morning)  
12:01-18:00 (Afternoon)  
18:01-00:00 (Evening/Night).
- Gender of the motorcyclist involved (if recorded).

2. The number of driving offences committed by motorcyclists, (e.g., speeding, not holding a valid licence, not wearing a helmet).

For each offence, please include:

- The gender of the rider (if recorded).

3. The number of motorbike thefts recorded.

If the cost of compliance for this request exceeds the appropriate limit under Section 12 of the FOIA, please focus on providing a response to Question 1 regarding motorbike accidents.

If you require any further clarification or have any difficulties complying with this request, please contact me as soon as possible in line with your duty under Section 16 of the FOIA to advise and assist, so we can discuss the matter and, if necessary, I can modify the request to help facilitate compliance.

Please send the requested information in a CSV file or Excel spreadsheet, if possible.

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 part of request. For question 1, there has been over 250 incidents regarding serious and fatal incidents. In order to determine the latter part of your details to question 1, would require a manual review of each record. It has been estimated to take 10 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 41 hours. Furthermore, for 2023 alone there has been over 55,600 road traffic offences recorded, each offence would require a manual review to determine if the offence was committed by a motor cyclist and the gender of the suspect. 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.

In order to assist in refining your request, data can be provided for the number of motorcycle accidents resulting in fatal and Serious injury and the number of motorbike thefts recorded. However, please note further exemptions may apply.

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](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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