

4 November 2024

FOI Ref 17398

Request - You asked us the following:

Please can you provide me the following information broken down by the following calendar years:

2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 up until 30 September.

1) How many offences have been recorded by your force which have been committed by children aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility)

2) A breakdown of the offences suspected to have been committed by children under the age of 10

3) A breakdown of the ages of suspects aged under 10 suspected of committing an offence

We received your request on 23/10/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds/does not hold the requested information.

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 - 2) A breakdown of the offences suspected to have been committed by children under the age of 10
 - 3) A breakdown of the ages of suspects aged under 10 suspected of committing an offence**Please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 17398 Crimes Committed by Children Data'. Please note that there are more suspects than offences within the dataset, this is because sometimes there are two or more suspects linked to the same offence.**

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.



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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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Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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