

18 November 2024

FOI Ref 17415

Request - You asked us the following:

Please can you provide the following data for each of the last three financial years:

- 1) The number of reports of antisocial behaviour recorded by the force
- 2) The number of victims of antisocial behaviour referred to independent support services by the force

We received your request on 29/10/2024 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.

- Please can you provide the following data for each of the last three financial years:
- 1) The number of reports of antisocial behaviour recorded by the force

2021-2022 – 25,550

2022-2023 – 19,709

2023-2024 – 16,372

- 2) The number of victims of antisocial behaviour referred to independent support services by the force

Direct from the Force to the Provider:

1st Oct 21 to 30th Sept 22 41

1st Oct 22 to 30th Sept 23 49

1st Oct 23 to 30th Sept 24 37

Indirect from the Force to the Victim Gateway then to the Provider:

1st Oct 21 to 30th Sept 22 168

1st Oct 22 to 30th Sept 23 225

1st Oct 23 to 30th Sept 24 254

Please note that this system only supports certain victims of anti-social behaviour (ASB). The below examples of ASB are exempt:

- Forms of ASB where there is no identifiable victim such as begging/vagrancy, abandoned vehicles, prostitution.
- Victims who do not reside in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent - referrals will be made to other victim services where the crime occurred in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent but where the victim resides outside of the contract area.
- Cases where mediation does not relate to ASB e.g. family/marriage.



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- **Cases of mediation where neither party consents.**
- **Street parking.**
- **Environmental pollution.**
- **Street noise and related matters as a result of concerns around a licensed premise.**
- **Noise or reported incidents deemed to be a result of lifestyle differences or normal living.**

With regards to question 2, please be advised that this service commenced on 1st October 2021 so the data has been provided in contract years rather than financial years.

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 incidents 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.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Central Disclosure Unit within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Central Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

ICO Website for complaints link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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