



15 November 2024

FOI Ref 17431

Request - You asked us the following:

This is a request for information according to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

My request relates to arrests of suspects for assaulting an emergency worker.

Please note there are two parts to my request.

1.
Since 1 January 2020 to 1 November 2024, how many people has your force arrested following allegations that they have assaulted an emergency worker - offence code 00873?

The offence code for assaulting an emergency worker is as follows:

TEW

Violence against the person

8.22 Assault of an emergency worker

00873

00873 - Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker

and relates to Section 67 of the Sentencing Act 2020.

Please provide a breakdown of the number of arrests per calendar year.

2.
For each arrest, please provide the following information:
(a) The gender (M/F) of the suspect
(b) The gender (M/F) of the victim
(c) The ethnicity of the suspect
(d) The ethnicity of the victim
(e) Whether the arrest led to a charge (Y/N)

Clarification received 04/11/2024:

I would like to add a clarification to my request sent at 9.29am on 01/11/2024

Please can you provide me with Crime data for the offence of 'Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker' using Home Office offence code 08/73.

We received your request on 01/11/2024 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.

- Since 1 January 2020 to 1 November 2024, how many people has your force arrested following allegations that they have assaulted an emergency worker - offence code 00873? Please provide a breakdown of the number of arrests per calendar year. - **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17431 Assaults Against Emergency Workers Data.PDF'.**

For each arrest, please provide the following information:

- (a) The gender (M/F) of the suspect - **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17431 Assaults Against Emergency Workers Data.PDF'.**
- (b) The gender (M/F) of the victim - **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17431 Assaults Against Emergency Workers Data.PDF'.**
- (c) The ethnicity of the suspect- **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17431 Assaults Against Emergency Workers Data.PDF'.**
- (d) The ethnicity of the victim - **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17431 Assaults Against Emergency Workers Data.PDF'.**
- (e) Whether the arrest led to a charge (Y/N) - **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17431 Assaults Against Emergency Workers Data.PDF'.**

Please note that the data presented is from May 2020 to November 2024. This is because on 20th May 2020 Staffordshire Police implemented a new case management system. This system brought data from a number of legacy systems into one to provide a single nominal record, including the custody system. The old custody system has now been decommissioned and as a result there is no search facility to be able to retrieve the requested data. It would entail searching thousands of records to establish if it fitted the criteria of the request. To achieve this task would exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold stipulated by the FOI Act.

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/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.



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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



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