

5 November 2024

FOI Ref 17435

Request - You asked us the following:

a) The total number of recorded offences related to indecent images (both still and moving) of children, as well as prohibited images of children, for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Please consider the other three requests as non-essential.

We received your request on 05/11/2024 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.

- a) The total number of recorded offences related to indecent images (both still and moving) of children, as well as prohibited images of children, for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. – **Disclosed, 375 offences were recorded.**

Please note that the data provided has been retrieved from a search of our crime/occurrence recording systems for the following offences: Take/ make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children and Possession of an indecent or pseudo indecent photo of a child.

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.

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:



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