

8 November 2024

FOI Ref 17448

Request - You asked us the following:

Original request:

1. How many arrests were made for stalking and harassment in the past five years?
 - 1a. Please break this figure down by year, from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2019/20, 2020/21, etc.)
2. Of those arrested, how many had a prior arrest for stalking and/or harassment?
 - 2a. Please again break this figure down by financial year.
3. What were the ages of offenders? Please break this down by age group (e.g. Under 18, 18-24, 25-30, etc)
4. How many offenders were male, female, non-binary or other/unspecified?

Refinement:

Thank you for your response to my FOI request. I would like to resubmit my request (FOI 17407), omitting questions 2 and 2a.

We received your request on 07/11/2024 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.

1. How many arrests were made for stalking and harassment in the past five years?
 - 1a. Please break this figure down by year, from April 1st to March 31st (e.g. 2019/20, 2020/21, etc.) – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17448 Refinement of FOI 17407 Data.PDF'.**
3. What were the ages of offenders? Please break this down by age group (e.g. Under 18, 18-24, 25-30, etc) – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17448 Refinement of FOI 17407 Stalking and Harassment Data.PDF'.**
4. How many offenders were male, female, non-binary or other/unspecified? – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17448 Refinement of FOI 17407 Stalking and Harassment Data.PDF'.**

Please note that we have only provided data from the last 4 financial years. 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.

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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Or by Post to:

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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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