

25 November 2024

FOI Ref 17488

Request - You asked us the following:

Please provide the following data on non-crime hate incidents, for the period between January 1st, 2019 to the current date, broken down by calendar year.

Please send me:

1. The total number of non-crime hate incidents recorded by your police force from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. Please break down the data by calendar year.
2. A breakdown of non-crime hate incidents recorded in your jurisdiction from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. The data should be categorised by type of perceived hate (e.g., race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, transgender identity etc.).
3. Details of any follow-up actions taken by the police or other agencies in relation to non-crime hate incidents reported from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. For example, were any individuals referred to support services?
4. Provide anonymised demographic data (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity) of individuals involved in non-crime hate incidents recorded between January 1st, 2019 to the current date. This should include both complainants and alleged offenders.
5. How many non-crime hate incidents were recorded in your jurisdiction involving online or social media activity between January 1st, 2019 to the current date?
6. How many non-crime hate incidents reported between January 1st, 2019 to the current date were later reclassified as criminal offences?

Please could you provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet (csv or xlsx) – that would be super helpful, and please could you respond and send the data to this email address!

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits (Section 12), it would be great if you could provide advice and assistance, (Section 16 obligations of the Act), as to how I can refine my request – please bear in mind the regional clarification above if local authority isn't possible. If you hold information on some parts of the request but not others, please could you provide that information, rather than a blanket refusal (I know you are probably aware not to do this already but you would be surprised!)

Please respond to as many points that are within the cost of compliance limits.

Generally If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful!

We received your request on 20/11/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police the requested information.

Please provide the following data on non-crime hate incidents, for the period between January 1st, 2019 to the current date, broken down by calendar year.

Please send me:

1. The total number of non-crime hate incidents recorded by your police force from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. Please break down the data by calendar year. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17488 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data'.**
2. A breakdown of non-crime hate incidents recorded in your jurisdiction from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. The data should be categorised by type of perceived hate (e.g., race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, transgender identity etc.). – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17488 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data'.**
3. Details of any follow-up actions taken by the police or other agencies in relation to non-crime hate incidents reported from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. For example, were any individuals referred to support services? – **Question withdrawn.**
4. Provide anonymised demographic data (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity) of individuals involved in non-crime hate incidents recorded between January 1st, 2019 to the current date. This should include both complainants and alleged offenders. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17488 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data'.**

Please note, as agreed with the applicant, the data disclosed only includes cases where the involvement was recorded as suspect or victim, and it is also broken down by age and gender. Please be advised that the data has been disaggregated to avoid individuals being identified.

5. How many non-crime hate incidents were recorded in your jurisdiction involving online or social media activity between January 1st, 2019 to the current date? – **Question withdrawn.**
6. How many non-crime hate incidents reported between January 1st, 2019 to the current date were later reclassified as criminal offences? – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17488 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data'.**

Please be advised the data has been extracted where the offence has been superseded by an alternate offence.

Please could you provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet (csv or xlsx) – that would be super helpful, and please could you respond and send the data to this email address! – **Disclosed, please see the .CSV file file entitled 'FOI 17488 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data'.**

Please note the data has been extracted from our Crime/Occurrence recording system for all Non-Crime Hate Incidents. This data has been provided from 01/01/2019 to 20/11/2024.

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.

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.



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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/>

Freedom of Information
Central Disclosure Unit