

29 November 2024

FOI Ref 17531

Request - You asked us the following:

Under the FOI Act, please provide me with the following information related to non-crime hate incidents:

The number of NCHIs recorded for the following periods:

November 1 2019 – October 31 2020

November 1 2020 – October 31 2021

November 1 2021 – October 31 2022

November 1 2022 – October 31 2023

November 1 2023 – October 31 2024

For the final period (November 1 2023 to October 31 2024), please provide a copy of the log by the force of all non-crime incidents including summary and outcome. Please redact any personal data from the records.

We received your request on 28/11/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds/does not hold the requested information.

The number of NCHIs recorded for the following periods:

- November 1 2019 – October 31 2020 – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17531 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data.PDF'.**
- November 1 2020 – October 31 2021 – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17531 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data.PDF'.**
- November 1 2021 – October 31 2022 – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17531 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data.PDF'.**
- November 1 2022 – October 31 2023 – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17531 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data.PDF'.**

- November 1 2023 – October 31 2024 – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled ‘FOI 17531 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data.PDF’.**
- For the final period (November 1 2023 to October 31 2024), please provide a copy of the log by the force of all non-crime incidents including summary and outcome. Please redact any personal data from the records. – **Partially disclosed, please see accompanying file titled ‘FOI 17531 Non-Crime Hate Incidents Data.PDF’.**

Please note that non-crimes do not have an outcome applied, therefore Staffordshire Police hold no information relating to Non-Crime Hate Incident outcomes.

The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for parts of this particular request.

- Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption which means that there is no need to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure; neither is it subject to a public interest test.

To release personal or third-party information held by Staffordshire Police, would breach the data protection principles; namely –

- Data is lawfully and fairly processed.
- Processed in line with an individual's rights.
- Data is secure.

Personal and third-party information cannot be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Disclosure under Freedom of Information is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant.

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:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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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