

29 November 2024

FOI Ref 17535

Request - You asked us the following:

1. Since 2013 how many stalking reports has your force received from the public per calendar year?
2. Does your force have a stalking clinic or multi-agency teams specifically aimed at addressing stalking offending?

If yes: When did the force first begin using or participating in a stalking clinic?

3. The number of stalking offences referred to the clinic, per calendar year.
4. Do Staffordshire Police record whether an individual has engaged in a stalking clinic?
5. Do Staffordshire Police record the stalking reoffending rates since the implementation of the stalking clinic? If yes what are the statistics?
6. Are there any mechanisms in place to monitor individuals after they have attended the stalking clinic?
7. What treatment or behavioural intervention methods are used in the stalking clinic?
8. How do you ensure the safety of victims while the perpetrator is participating in or after completing the clinic?

Please provide the information via email in electronic form and any data in calendar years.

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 some of the requested information.

- 1. Since 2013 how many stalking reports has your force received from the public per calendar year?
– **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17535 Stalking Offences Data'.**

Please be advised the data has been extracted from our Crime/Occurrence recording database, for all closed occurrences and where the local offence group has been listed as stalking, broken down by year. Furthermore, please note the recording of crime for Stalking Offences has changed over the years.

- 2. Does your force have a stalking clinic or multi-agency teams specifically aimed at addressing stalking offending? – **No information held.**

If yes: When did the force first begin using or participating in a stalking clinic? – **No information held.**

- 3. The number of stalking offences referred to the clinic, per calendar year. – **No information held.**
- 4. Do Staffordshire Police record whether an individual has engaged in a stalking clinic? – **No information held.**
- 5. Do Staffordshire Police record the stalking reoffending rates since the implementation of the stalking clinic? If yes what are the statistics? – **No information held.**
- 6. Are there any mechanisms in place to monitor individuals after they have attended the stalking clinic? – **No information held.**
- 7. What treatment or behavioural intervention methods are used in the stalking clinic? – **No information held.**
- 8. How do you ensure the safety of victims while the perpetrator is participating in or after completing the clinic? – **No information held.**

Please provide the information via email in electronic form and any data in calendar years.

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.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

Please be advised we do not currently have a stalking clinic in place. However, we are trialling a clinic in December to review Stalking Protection Orders.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF



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