

7 October 2024

FOI Ref 17080

Request - You asked us the following:

Please could you provide the custody records for arrests under sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986 alongside, in each case, the age grouping of the persons arrested, the gender of the persons arrested and the ethnicity of the persons arrested.

Please could you provide the requested information for both of the following time periods:

- January 2017 – May 2022 (inclusive); and
- June – July 2024 (inclusive).

Please could you also provide the custody records for arrests under (i) s.78 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and (ii) the Public Order Act 2023 alongside the age grouping of the persons arrested, the gender of the persons arrested and the ethnicity of the persons arrested.

Clarification received from applicant 29/08/2024 :

Yes, please it is the same time periods as in part 1.

We received your request on 24/07/2024 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. Please could you provide the custody records for arrests under sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986 alongside, in each case, the age grouping of the persons arrested, the gender of the persons arrested and the ethnicity of the persons arrested. – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 2. Please could you provide the requested information for both of the following time periods:
January 2017 – May 2022 (inclusive); and – **Disclosed, nil.**
June – July 2024 (inclusive). – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 3. Please could you also provide the custody records for arrests under (i) s.78 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and (ii) the Public Order Act 2023 alongside the age grouping of the persons arrested, the gender of the persons arrested and the ethnicity of the persons arrested.
 - (i) s.78 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 – **Partially disclosed, nil for January 2017 – May 2022 (inclusive). In relation to June – July 2024 (inclusive) please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17080 Public Order Act Arrests Data'.**
 - (ii) the Public Order Act 2023 - **Disclosed, nil.**

Please note we have not provided the custody records as this is exempt under Personal Information. However, partial data has been disclosed and disaggregated to avoid any individuals being identified.

Please be advised, the data has been extracted from our crime/occurrence recording system, where an arrest has been recorded under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Court Act 2022 or the Public Order Act 2023 for your requested time periods.

The following exemptions have been applied:

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

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.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.



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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:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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