

9 October 2024

FOI Ref 17245

**Request - You asked us the following:**

Can you share the total number of unidentified flying object (UFO) or unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) sightings reported between April 2014 and April 2024?

Please provide the date and location of all reports with the keywords 'UFO', 'UAP', 'aliens', 'extra-terrestrial', 'lights in sky' or 'spaceship'. Please also share the description or summary logged for each report.

We received your request on 10/09/2024 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.**

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**Please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 17245 UFO Sightings Data'.**

Please be advised that a keyword search has been carried out on our incident database for 'UFO', 'UAP', 'aliens', 'extra-terrestrial', 'lights in sky' and 'spaceship'. The results provided are for all relevant incidents that relate to UFO and UAP sightings.

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 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**



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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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