

11 October 2024

FOI Ref 17253

Request - You asked us the following:

I am emailing to make a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide yearly figures for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 along with monthly figures for 2024 to 31st August for each of the following questions:

1. The number of dogs seized under s.1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act
2. The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act
3. The number of dogs seized under s.3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act
4. The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act
5. The number of people charged each year under the offence Possession of a Dangerous Dog, Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, s.1

I would like you to provide all the above information in digital format.

We received your request on 12/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

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

The following exemptions have been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer this request. Prior to 2024, the information would have been recorded as paper records, and not stored electronically. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record. In order to extract the data required to conform to this request, it is estimated that it would take in excess of 24 hours which would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold as stipulated by the Freedom of Information Act.



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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.

If the requirement for data from the years 2019-2023 was withdrawn, Staffordshire Police would be able to provide data by month for 2024 until 31/08/2024.

Next steps

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:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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