

11 October 2024

FOI Ref 17275

Request - You asked us the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to make a request regarding information on uninsured drivers in your area.

Specifically, I'd like to request information on the following:

1. How many drivers were caught to be driving without an insured vehicle in your district from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023?
2. How many drivers were caught to be driving without an insured vehicle in your district from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024?
3. The number of road accidents/collisions caused by uninsured drivers in your district from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023?
4. The number of road accidents/collisions caused by uninsured drivers in your district from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024?

Please provide this as an Excel spreadsheet (or similar format).

Please let me know if you would like further information or clarification on this request.

We received your request on 19/09/2024 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. For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 16,000 reports of road traffic collisions. In



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order to ascertain whether the collision was caused by an insured driver, the record for each report would require manual review.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 5 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 1,333 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information Act by some considerable margin.

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 questions 3 and 4 were withdrawn, Staffordshire Police would be able to provide information relating to the number of drivers caught to be driving without an insured vehicle for 2023 and 2024 up to 31st August 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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