

29 October 2024

FOI Ref 17294

Request - You asked us the following:

1(a) How many crimes for Section 5 Public Order Act (CCCJS Code: PU86149. HO Code: 125/12) which were recorded as state based offences (Rex offences) were closed?

1(b). Of those crimes closed, how many were closed with no record of a notification provided to an informant or witness prior to closure?

2(a) How many crimes for Section 127(1) Communication Act (CCCJS Code: CA03005 and CA03006. HO Code: 196/07) which were recorded as state based offences (Rex offences) were closed? To be broken down by CCCJS Code, if possible.

2(b). Of those crimes closed, how many were closed with no record of a notification provided to an informant or witness prior to closure?

3. What is the force's policy on providing updates to witnesses and/or informants regarding state based offences (Rex offences)?

4. What is the force's policy on informing or updating witnesses and/or informants regarding the closure of a state based offences (Rex offences)?

5. Is there a requirement for updates to be provided to a witness and/or informant regarding the investigation of state based offences (Rex offences)?

6. Is there a requirement to update a witness and/or informant prior to the closure of a state based offence (Rex offence)?

We received your request on 25/09/2024 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.

- 1(a) How many crimes for Section 5 Public Order Act (CCCJS Code: PU86149. HO Code: 125/12) which were recorded as state based offences (Rex offences) were closed? – **Disclosed, 47.**
- 1(b). Of those crimes closed, how many were closed with no record of a notification provided to an informant or witness prior to closure? – **Disclosed, 44.**



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- 2(a) How many crimes for Section 127(1) Communication Act (CCCJS Code: CA03005 and CA03006. HO Code: 196/07) which were recorded as state based offences (Rex offences) were closed? To be broken down by CCCJS Code, if possible. – **Disclosed, 18.**
- 2(b). Of those crimes closed, how many were closed with no record of a notification provided to an informant or witness prior to closure? – **Disclosed, 18.**
- 3. What is the force's policy on providing updates to witnesses and/or informants regarding state based offences (Rex offences)? – **No information held.**
- 4. What is the force's policy on informing or updating witnesses and/or informants regarding the closure of a state based offences (Rex offences)? – **No information held.**
- 5. Is there a requirement for updates to be provided to a witness and/or informant regarding the investigation of state based offences (Rex offences)? – **No information held.**
- 6. Is there a requirement to update a witness and/or informant prior to the closure of a state based offence (Rex offence)? – **No information held.**

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/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

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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