

12 September 2024

FOI Ref 16607

Request - You asked us the following:

1: Can you please provide the system software name you use for recording crime?

I understand that police forces may (or may not depending on which one) use different softwares in recording and extracting crime data.

2: What programming language is your software written in?

3: In addition to this can you please provide whether you have the automated capacity (i.e in this case you would not have to manually review cases) to be able to fetch/retrieve the characteristics of

a: Ethnicity

Of suspect?

Of victim?

b: Nationality

Of suspect?

Of victim?

c: Religion

Of suspect?

Of victim?

d: Country of birth

Of suspect?

Of victim?

e: The legal residency (i.e whether the person was arrested for a crime who was then found to be illegally residing in the UK)

4: If YES to the above answers in 3, can you please provide the year when you first:

Recorded said characteristics?

Were able to retrieve automatically on your software

We received your request on 04/03/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).



Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- 1: Can you please provide the system software name you use for recording crime?
I understand that police forces may (or may not depending on which one) use different softwares in recording and extracting crime data. – **Information held.**
- 2: What programming language is your software written in? – **No information held.**
- 3: In addition to this can you please provide whether you have the automated capacity (i.e in this case you would not have to manually review cases) to be able to fetch/retrieve the characteristics of – **Information held.**
 - a: Ethnicity – **Information held.**
Of suspect? – **Information held.**
Of victim? – **Information held.**
 - b: Nationality – **Information held.**
Of suspect? – **Information held.**
Of victim? – **Information held.**
 - c: Religion – **Information held.**
Of suspect? – **Information held.**
Of victim? – **Information held.**
 - d: Country of birth – **Information held.**
Of suspect? – **Information held.**
Of victim? – **Information held.**
 - e: The legal residency (i.e whether the person was arrested for a crime who was then found to be illegally residing in the UK) – **Information held.**
- 4: If YES to the above answers in 3, can you please provide the year when you first:

Recorded said characteristics? – **Information held.**
Were able to retrieve automatically on your software – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- 1: Can you please provide the system software name you use for recording crime?
I understand that police forces may (or may not depending on which one) use different softwares in recording and extracting crime data. – **Disclosed, NicheRMS.**
- 2: What programming language is your software written in? – **No information held.**



- 3: In addition to this can you please provide whether you have the automated capacity (i.e in this case you would not have to manually review cases) to be able to fetch/retrieve the characteristics of – **Disclosed, as below:**
 - a: Ethnicity – **Yes.**
Of suspect? – **Yes.**
Of victim? – **Yes.**
 - b: Nationality – **Yes.**
Of suspect? – **Yes.**
Of victim? – **Yes.**
 - c: Religion – **Yes.**
Of suspect? – **Yes.**
Of victim? – **Yes.**
 - d: Country of birth – **Yes.**
Of suspect? – **Yes.**
Of victim? – **Yes.**
 - e: The legal residency (i.e whether the person was arrested for a crime who was then found to be illegally residing in the UK) – **Yes.**
- 4: If YES to the above answers in 3, can you please provide the year when you first:
Recorded said characteristics? – **Yes.**
Were able to retrieve automatically on your software – **Disclosed, since implementation of NicheRMS in 2020.**

Please note

Whilst NicheRMS has the capability to automatically retrieve information relating to the fields in which the characteristics of Ethnicity, Nationality, Religion, Country of Birth and the legal residency are recorded; many of the fields are not mandatory to be completed by officers during the course of their investigations. Therefore, where accurate information is required, to obtain this may entail completing a manual trawl through further fields of data in order to determine the accuracy of the information retrieved via an automated search.

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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Or by Post to:



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