

9 September 2024

FOI Ref 16938

Request - You asked us the following:

Sex trafficking and exploitation.

1. Please could you provide me with the number of investigations into sex trafficking recorded by your force, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).
2. Please could you provide me with the number of victims of sex trafficking identified in your force area, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).
Of these please could you break them down by their nationality (if unknown please state)
Of these please could you break them down by adult/child victims (if unknown please state)
3. Please could you provide me with the number of sex trafficking suspects identified in your force area, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).
4. Please could you provide me with the number of charges in relation to sex trafficking in your force area, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).
Of these please could you confirm the number charged under the modern day slavery act
If any were charged under the "alternate offences rule" please could you give me the number and offence charged
5. Please could you provide me with the number of convictions for sex trafficking in your force area, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).
Of these please could you confirm the number convicted under the modern day slavery act
If any were charged under the "alternate offences rule" please could you give me the number and offence convicted
6. Please could you provide me with the number of staff solely investigating sex trafficking, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).

County lines

1. Please could you provide me with the number of investigations into county lines related modern day slavery recorded by your force, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).
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We received your request on 10/06/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

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

Staffordshire Police withholds the following information.

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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. From review of the various datasets necessary to collate this information from, and the various elements that would need to be cross referenced across the force, each record would require manual review. To extract this data would require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record of modern slavery or county lines investigation. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information Act by some considerable margin.

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'.



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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.

Unfortunately, we cannot suggest a way in which your request could be simplified or pared down in order to bring it within the confines of the time and cost threshold.

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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