

4 September 2024

FOI Ref 17204

You requested an internal review of our handling of your information request, which we received on 29th August 2024.

This internal review is specific to your request ref FOI 17049. We've reviewed the response to see if we have met the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This is separate from any other complaints processes you might be engaged in with us.

Your concerns

I would like to request an internal review, as I don't believe you have grounds to withhold this information.

I would like to request an internal review for the following reasons.

All Police forces are required to inform the HOIE and NCCU on a monthly basis, so you do hold this information and are required to provide the answers under the FOI rules.

Section 17(1) and section 21(1) are being used on political grounds to hide the figures, and I would strongly suggest the use of section 21(1) claiming "may cause harm" is outrageous and clearly untrue.

Our decision

Having considered our handling of your request, we find that the response issued, alongside all clarification provided, fully answers the terms of your request.

We also confirm that the application of all exemptions outlined within this response are fully justified, and that the explanations and rationale for their application conveyed clearly and unequivocally.

To clarify the reason why the information was withheld and Section 21 cited is because the information is already available in the public domain and we have withheld the information and given you the links to where the information you have requested is readily available.

We are satisfied that our response meets the requirements of the FOIA.

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters will be published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details will not be included.

Advice and assistance

As originally advised in our original FOI response and in order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below the links to the information you have requested which is already readily available in the public domain.

- <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/staffordshire/2024-published-foi-requests/july/foi-16968-arrests-of-foreign-nationals.pdf>
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Next steps

If you still feel that we have not responded appropriately to your information request, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Any appeals should be made to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge your appeal is via their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, an appeal can be sent via mail to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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