

9 April 2025

FOI Ref 21166

Request - You asked us the following:

1. The number of police officers who have been injured while on duty in the last three years broken down by:

1a) Calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)

1b) Injury Cause (for example, assault by civilian, slip,trip,fall, road traffic incident)

2. The number of compensation claims made by police officers for injuries sustained on duty broken down by calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)

2a) The number of settled claims, refused claims and amount of compensation awarded broken down by years as above.

We received your request on 02/04/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- 1. The number of police officers who have been injured while on duty in the last three years broken down by:
 - 1a) Calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)
 - 1b) Injury Cause (for example, assault by civilian, slip,trip,fall, road traffic incident)
- **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21166 Refinement of FOI 17946 Police Officer Injuries Data'.**
- 2. The number of compensation claims made by police officers for injuries sustained on duty broken down by calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024) - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21166 Refinement of FOI 17946 Police Officer Injuries Data'.**
- 2a) The number of settled claims, refused claims and amount of compensation awarded broken down by years as above. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21166 Refinement of FOI 17946 Police Officer Injuries Data'.**

Please be advised that in relation to question 2 these relate to when the claim was made/reported to us in the relevant calendar years, therefore the incident could have happened in a different year. In relation to question 2a the table provides the number of claims settled/declined and amount settled in the relevant calendar years. Please note that claims can take years to settle, we have broken them down into the settled years as requested. With regards to question 2a, an amount has been removed for one case and is withheld, please see the below exemption, however this claim has still be included in the overall count.

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 claims 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.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

The following exemption has been applied:

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

- Section 44(1)(c) Information Covered by Prohibitions on Disclosure.

Section 44 is an absolute class-based exemption and there is no requirement to carry out a public interest test.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Central Disclosure Unit within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Central Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

ICO Website for complaints link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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