

24 April 2025

FOI Ref 21229

Request - You asked us the following:

1. As of April 6, 2025, how many individuals are subject to signing the Sex Offenders Register ("subject to Notification Requirements") under the Sexual Offences Act in your force area?
2. Of these individuals, how many are subject to indefinite Notification Requirements?
3. Over the last three financial years (up until April 6, 2025), how many applications did the force receive from individuals to end an indefinite Notification Requirement?
4. Over the last three financial years (up until April 6, 2025), of the applications received to end an indefinite Notification Requirement, how many did the force approve?

We received your request on 15/04/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds some of the requested information.

- 1. As of April 6, 2025, how many individuals are subject to signing the Sex Offenders Register ("subject to Notification Requirements") under the Sexual Offences Act in your force area?
– **Disclosed, 1903 as of 24/04/2025.**
- 2. Of these individuals, how many are subject to indefinite Notification Requirements?
– **Disclosed, 1004 as of 24/04/2025.**
- 3. Over the last three financial years (up until April 6, 2025), how many applications did the force receive from individuals to end an indefinite Notification Requirement?
– **No information held.**
- 4. Over the last three financial years (up until April 6, 2025), of the applications received to end an indefinite Notification Requirement, how many did the force approve? – **Withheld, please see the below exemption.**

Please be advised that with regards to question 3 this data cannot be searched retrospectively for specific dates, a search can only be done as a snapshot on the day of the search as per questions 1 and 2.

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.

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 this particular request.

- Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.
- Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.

Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested in question 4:

- [Multi-agency public protection arrangements \(MAPPA\) annual report - GOV.UK](#)

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.



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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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