

22 April 2025

FOI Ref 21235

Request - You asked us the following:

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding thefts involving tools within your police force's jurisdiction.

To ensure this request remains within the cost limit, I have limited the timeframe and scope. I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the period from 1 January 2025 to the date of your search:

Category	Request
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1. Recorded Incidents Please provide the number of recorded offences from 1 January 2024 to date under the following categories:

- Theft from a motor vehicle
- Commercial burglary

2. Monthly Breakdown If available, please provide the data in Question 1 broken down by month. If this is not possible, an overall total for the period is fine.

3. Keyword-Based Filtering For the offences listed in Question 1, where possible, please indicate how many included the keyword "tool" or "tools" in the item description or MO/narrative field.

4. Existing Reports or Analysis Please provide any internal reports, briefings, or summary data your force has produced since 1 January 2024 relating to tool theft or thefts involving work equipment.

We received your request on 16/04/2025 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. Recorded Incidents
Please provide the number of recorded offences from 1 January 2024 to date under the following categories:
 - Theft from a motor vehicle
 - Commercial burglary – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21235 Tool Theft Data'.**
- 2. Monthly Breakdown
If available, please provide the data in Question 1 broken down by month. If this is not possible, an overall total for the period is fine. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21235 Tool Theft Data'.**



- 3. Keyword-Based Filtering
For the offences listed in Question 1, where possible, please indicate how many included the keyword “tool” or “tools” in the item description or MO/narrative field. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled ‘FOI 21235 Tool Theft Data’.**
- 4. Existing Reports or Analysis
Please provide any internal reports, briefings, or summary data your force has produced since 1 January 2024 relating to tool theft or thefts involving work equipment. – **No information held.**

Please be advised this data has been extracted from our crime/occurrence recording database where the offence has been recorded as Theft from a Motor Vehicle and Attempted Burglary or Burglary - Business & Community - Theft Act 1968 Sec 9 from 2024 to 16/04/2025. Likewise, a free text search has been conducted for the words ‘tools and ‘tools’. However, please note further occurrences may have occurred involving the theft of tools where this is not included in the free text search.

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 offences 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.

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:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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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