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Our Ref: FOI 21280
Your Ref: FOI 21229
Date: 29 April 2025

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 15/04/2025

We refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:

I would like to request the following 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?
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?

Further to the above, we also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.

I am appealing against the refusal to provide information in respect of question 3 & question 4 of my request.

With regards to question 3, the DPO has advised it isn't possible for this data to be gathered because of software limitations. However, other forces who I believe use the same system have been able to reply to the same request and provide information, so I cannot accept that this is a valid reason for refusal.

Similarly, with regards to question 4, it is claimed this information is available in the public domain in the Annual Report of the MAPPA board. However, this is not accurate, as the Annual MAPPA Report does not provide the figures broken down based on police force area, which is what I requested within my request.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/sor_statistics_34

Our Response

Upon review of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above and all corresponding communication, we are of the opinion that the response issued, alongside all clarification provided, fully answers the terms of your request.

With regard to Q3, this data cannot be searched retrospectively for specific dates, a search can only be done as a snapshot on the day of the search, retrospective data is not held.

With regard to question 4 of your initial request, using the link previously provided within our initial response, locate the relevant year from the documents list, then subsequently select the third available document entitled 'Multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) annual report: 'relevant year' area tables.

See the final column of this spreadsheet entitled ' Lifetime notification requirements revoked on application', locate the row for Staffordshire, we believe that the data contained within the corresponding cross referenced cell should answer this question.

We note that data for the 2024-25 financial year has, as yet, not been posted on the linked website, we therefore also apply exemption under Sec 22(1)(a) – Information intended for future publication

Section 22 is a qualified class-based exemption and as such requires the application of a Public Interest Test.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure for Section 22

To release the information that is held at this particular time would provide the public with an awareness of the most recently collated data serving to enhance public knowledge of the subject

Factors favouring non-disclosure for Section 22

Although the information is available, any data that is researched and prepared will need to be checked and authorised to be fit for release. As the information requested is due to be published in the near future the additional time and resources that would be required cannot be justified.

Balance Test

In this case a decision has been made to publish this information the near future. Section 22 allows for circumstances when it is reasonable and correct for public authorities to delay the provision of information until it is made generally available through publication. The additional resources expended by the force to deal with this request at this time would therefore not be in the public interest.

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



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If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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