

19 August 2025

FOI Ref 21665

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to obtain crime and disorder data relating to key areas within Lichfield city centre.

1. Please can you provide me with the number of complaints/calls to the police about key topics, broken down as far as possible into area:

North Lichfield LPT area

Complaints/calls made to the Police about street drinking
Complaints/calls made to the Police about licensed premises
Complaints/calls made to the Police about anti-social behaviour

2020/21

2021/22

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25

Tamworth Street, Lichfield

Complaints/calls made to the Police about street drinking
Complaints/calls made to the Police about licensed premises
Complaints/calls made to the Police about anti-social behaviour

2020/21

2021/22

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25

Bird Street, Lichfield

Complaints/calls made to the Police about street drinking
Complaints/calls made to the Police about licensed premises
Complaints/calls made to the Police about anti-social behaviour

2020/21

2021/22

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25

Market Street, Lichfield

Complaints/calls made to the Police about street drinking
Complaints/calls made to the Police about licensed premises
Complaints/calls made to the Police about anti-social behaviour

2020/21

2021/22



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2022/23
2023/24
2024/25

2. Please can you provide me with the number of offences, broken down as far as possible into area:

North Lichfield LPT area

Criminal damage offences

Drugs offences

Violence against the person offences

Robbery offences

Sexual offences

2020/21

2021/22

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25

Tamworth Street, Lichfield

Criminal damage offences

Drugs offences

Violence against the person offences

Robbery offences

Sexual offences

2020/21

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Bird Street, Lichfield

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Violence against the person offences

Robbery offences

Sexual offences

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2022/23

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Market Street, Lichfield

Criminal damage offences

Drugs offences

Violence against the person offences

Robbery offences

Sexual offences

2020/21



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2022/23
2023/24
2024/25

3. Please can I have the following information for a broad range of areas for the most recent year available (suggested 2024/25)
- Complaints/calls made to the Police about street drinking
 - Complaints/calls made to the Police about licensed premises
 - Complaints/calls made to the Police about anti-social behaviour
 - Criminal damage offences
 - Drugs offences
 - Violence against the person offences
 - Robbery offences
 - Sexual offences
 - Local policing team (LPT)
 - Bourne Vale and Fazeley
 - Burntwood
 - Chasetown
 - Lichfield District
 - Lichfield Rural
 - Mease Tame and Whittington
 - North Lichfield
 - Shenstone, Stonnal and Little Aston
 - South Lichfield
 - Total

We received your request on 30/07/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

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

The following exemption has been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
- Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer the parts of this request regarding licensed premises. There are around 368 licensed premises in the Lichfield area, the LPT locations on the system used to service this request do not correspond with our incident management database locations. Therefore each one would have to be manually checked to establish the area of the premise and then each incident/call linked to the premise would then have to be manually

checked to ensure it is relevant also. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 5 minutes to review each LPT location to answer this request, this would equate to over 30 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by some considerable margin.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

In order to refine your request, data can be provided for all other aspects of this request if you were to remove all questions relating to licensed premises.

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:

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



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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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