

9 December 2025

FOI Ref 22155

Request - You asked us the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act i would like to submit a request for the following information.

- 1: the number of complaints/ reports recieved by the staffordshire/ staffs moorlands police regarding
 - a) potential anti social behaviour/ public disorder
 - b) hate speech and
 - c) behaviour causing distress to members of the publicoccurring between the hours of 10am and 5pm in leek town centre (specifically Derby Street/ Leek market place) over the past year (not including incidents of theft or damage to property)
- 2: The number of such complaints/ reports made on a Wednesday in that period of time.
- 3: The number of individuals complaints/ reports have been made about with the overall range of complaints per individual. Ie 30 individuals have been complained about ranging from 1 complaint/ report about 1 individual to 7 complaints/ reports about 1 individual.
- 4: If possible, minutes of any meetings where the nuisance behaviour of persons identified as being the source of a significant number of complaints/ reports have been discussed and potential management strategies considered.
- 5: The results of the questionnaire handed to local businesses via the PSCO's regarding antisocial behaviour , the number of questionnaires handed out and the number of completed questionnaires collected.

Clarification received on 04/12/2025

Thank you for your response. Im particularly interested in reports of potential public order and harrassment offences. I do not need violence with or without injury. If data is available specifically for derby street and market place this would be a preference but if that specific locality data is not available generic town centre data would be adequate. Similarly for question 3.

Staffordshire Police (SP) received your request on 24/11/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

SP holds some of the requested information.

1: the number of complaints/ reports recieved by the staffordshire/ staffs moorlands police regarding – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22155 Complaints Received in Leek Town Centre Data'.**

a) potential anti social behaviour/ public disorder – **Question withdrawn.**

b) hate speech and – **Question withdrawn.**

c) behaviour causing distress to members of the public – **Question withdrawn.**

occurring between the hours of 10am and 5pm in Leek town centre (specifically Derby Street/ Leek market place) over the past year (not including incidents of theft or damage to property) – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22155 Complaints Received in Leek Town Centre Data'.**

Please note, this data is for all Public Order Offences and Stalking and Harassment offences for Derby Street and Leek Market Place between the hours of 10am and 5pm.

2: The number of such complaints/ reports made on a Wednesday in that period of time. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22155 Complaints Received in Leek Town Centre Data'.**

Please note, this data is for all Public Order Offences and Stalking and Harassment offences for Derby Street and Leek Market Place on Wednesday for the hours of 10am and 5pm.

3: The number of individuals complaints/ reports have been made about with the overall range of complaints per individual. ie 30 individuals have been complained about ranging from 1 complaint/ report about 1 individual to 7 complaints/ reports about 1 individual. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22155 Complaints Received in Leek Town Centre Data'.**

Please note, this data relates to repeat offenders/suspects for Derby Street and Leek Market Place.

4: If possible, minutes of any meetings where the nuisance behaviour of persons identified as being the source of a significant number of complaints/ reports have been discussed and potential management strategies considered. – **No information held.**

5: The results of the questionnaire handed to local businesses via the PSCO's regarding antisocial behaviour, the number of questionnaires handed out and the number of completed questionnaires collected. – **Disclosed, 45 Questionnaires handed out and 35 completed ones collected.**

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, 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.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, 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 SP 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 SP, 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:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
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 Information Access Team within two months of the SP 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 a supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty working days.

The independent supervisor 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, considering the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the independent supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant 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 link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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