



1 December 2025

FOI Ref 22187

Request - You asked us the following:

Please provide the following information for your police force area for the period 1 June 2022 to the date of this request, relating to arrests, charges, and outcomes for breach of protest conditions under:

- Section 12 Public Order Act 1986 (processions)
- Section 14 Public Order Act 1986 (assemblies)
- Section 14ZA Public Order Act 1986 (one-person protests)

For each of the above powers, please provide data separately for each statutory role, corresponding to the relevant sub-sections:

- Organiser offences – e.g. s.12(4), s.14(4), s.14ZA(4)
- Participant offences – e.g. s.12(5), s.14(5), s.14ZA(5)
- Inciting others to breach conditions – e.g. s.12(6), s.14(6), s.14ZA(6)

For each role (sub-section) under each power, please provide (if held):

- Number of arrests
- Number of suspects charged directly by the police (without CPS decision)
- Number of cases referred to the CPS for charging decision
- Number of suspects charged following CPS authorisation
- Number of prosecutions resulting in conviction (if known to the force)
- Number of prosecutions resulting in acquittal (if known to the force)
- Number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued for breach of protest conditions
- Aggregate equality-monitoring data, where recorded:
 - o Sex
 - o Age group
 - o Ethnicity
 - o Religion or belief
 - o Disability

If the above information is not held in a fully retrievable format, please provide what is available and describe any gaps or limitations in recording.

If no use of these powers occurred during the period, please confirm this.

We received your request on 30/11/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police (SP) holds the requested information.

Please provide the following information for your police force area for the period 1 June 2022 to the date of this request, relating to arrests, charges, and outcomes for breach of protest conditions under:

- Section 12 Public Order Act 1986 (processions) – **Disclosed - Nil.**
- Section 14 Public Order Act 1986 (assemblies) – **Disclosed - Nil.**
- Section 14ZA Public Order Act 1986 (one-person protests) – **Disclosed - Nil.**

For each of the above powers, please provide data separately for each statutory role, corresponding to the relevant sub-sections:

- Organiser offences – e.g. s.12(4), s.14(4), s.14ZA(4) – **Not applicable.**
- Participant offences – e.g. s.12(5), s.14(5), s.14ZA(5) – **Not applicable.**
- Inciting others to breach conditions – e.g. s.12(6), s.14(6), s.14ZA(6) – **Not applicable.**

For each role (sub-section) under each power, please provide (if held):

- Number of arrests – **Not applicable.**
- Number of suspects charged directly by the police (without CPS decision) – **Not applicable.**
- Number of cases referred to the CPS for charging decision – **Not applicable.**
- Number of suspects charged following CPS authorisation – **Not applicable.**
- Number of prosecutions resulting in conviction (if known to the force) – **Not applicable.**
- Number of prosecutions resulting in acquittal (if known to the force) – **Not applicable.**
- Number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued for breach of protest conditions – **Not applicable.**
- Aggregate equality-monitoring data, where recorded:
 - o Sex – **Not applicable.**
 - o Age group – **Not applicable.**
 - o Ethnicity – **Not applicable.**
 - o Religion or belief – **Not applicable.**
 - o Disability – **Not applicable.**

If the above information is not held in a fully retrievable format, please provide what is available and describe any gaps or limitations in recording. – **Not applicable.**

If no use of these powers occurred during the period, please confirm this.

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. 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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