

30 December 2025

FOI Ref 22190

Request - You asked us the following:

1: Do you currently offer a diversion/education course for people who have been caught for kerb crawling? If not: have you ever offered such a course, and if so, why was the course discontinued? Are there any discussions about introducing such a course at the moment?

2: If you currently offer such a course, could you please provide me with the following info:

- start date of the initiative
- how often is it running and participants per course
- Anything you might be able to share about aims/objectives
- how many people has to been offered to on an annual basis for the last 5 years
- what are the criteria for being offered the course?
- how many people chose to do the course / declined to do the course
- what was the reoffending rate for kerb crawling among those that participated in the course / did not participate in the course?

Staffordshire Police (SP) received your request on 01/12/2025 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: Do you currently offer a diversion/education course for people who have been caught for kerb crawling? If not: have you ever offered such a course, and if so, why was the course discontinued? Are there any discussions about introducing such a course at the moment? – **Disclosed, yes.**
- 2: If you currently offer such a course, could you please provide me with the following info:
 - start date of the initiative – **Disclosed, August 2023.**
 - how often is it running and participants per course – **Disclosed, this is a 1-1 course and run at all times of the year.**
 - Anything you might be able to share about aims/objectives – **Disclosed, this is centred on supporting the offender to a better understanding of their motivations and justifications for offending, and developing a simple relapse prevention strategy.**
 - how many people has to been offered to on an annual basis for the last 5 years – **Partially disclosed, 25, since August 2023.**
 - what are the criteria for being offered the course? – **Disclosed, the same as it would be for a Conditional Caution, remorseful and a full and frank admission to the offence.**
 - how many people chose to do the course / declined to do the course – **Disclosed, all offenders that receive a conditional caution for this offence chose to do the course.**
 - what was the reoffending rate for kerb crawling among those that participated in the course / did not participate in the course? – **Disclosed, nil, at the time of this request.**

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.

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



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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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