

4 December 2025

FOI Ref 22194

Request - You asked us the following:

1. Does your force consider gambling-related activity as a potential contributory factor during the investigation of road traffic offences or accidents? (For example, as part of assessments relating to distraction, impairment, or driver behaviour.)

2. Does your force collect or record any information from mobile phones that indicates whether an individual was gambling at the time of an incident or collision? This includes, but is not limited to, gambling app usage, online gambling activity, or relevant notifications.

If so, please provide any recorded data, totals, or case references (anonymised).

3. Has your force ever identified or recorded evidence that an individual involved in a road traffic offence or accident had been gambling for prolonged periods prior to the incident?

If so, please provide any recorded data, totals, or case references (anonymised).

4. If your force does not consider or record this information, please confirm whether:

a) this has never been assessed,

b) this is considered outside the investigative scope, or

c) limitations in digital extraction, policy, or data systems prevent such recording.

We are not requesting any personal identifiers or information that could risk individual privacy.

Aggregated, anonymised, or descriptive information will be fully sufficient for our research purposes.

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 the requested information.

1. Does your force consider gambling-related activity as a potential contributory factor during the investigation of road traffic offences or accidents? (For example, as part of assessments relating to distraction, impairment, or driver behaviour.) - **Disclosed, no. However, where distraction is considered as a potential causation mobile devices are analysed.**

2. Does your force collect or record any information from mobile phones that indicates whether an individual was gambling at the time of an incident or collision? This includes, but is not limited to, gambling app usage, online gambling activity, or relevant notifications.

If so, please provide any recorded data, totals, or case references (anonymised). - **Disclosed, if a driver is using a gambling website/app this should be shown on any download report once a mobile device is analysed. There are no known or identified cases where a gambling website or app was relevant to the collision.**

3. Has your force ever identified or recorded evidence that an individual involved in a road traffic offence or accident had been gambling for prolonged periods prior to the incident?

If so, please provide any recorded data, totals, or case references (anonymised). – **Disclosed, no known or identified cases of this nature.**

4. If your force does not consider or record this information, please confirm whether:

- a) this has never been assessed,
- b) this is considered outside the investigative scope, or
- c) limitations in digital extraction, policy, or data systems prevent such recording. – **Not applicable.**

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 incidents 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



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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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