

13 February 2025

FOI Ref 17785

Request - You asked us the following:

The number of Shoplifting offences per year broken down by outcome

1a) How many were recorded as being committed by a child under the age of 10? And the outcome of this if recorded.

1b) How many were recorded as being committed by a child aged 10-17?

1c) How many were recorded as being committed by a person aged 18 and over?

The number of Burglary offences per year broken down by outcome

2a) How many were recorded as being committed by a child under the age of 10? And the outcome of this if recorded.

2b) How many were recorded as being committed by a child aged 10-17?

2c) How many were recorded as being committed by a person aged 18 and over?

If you could provide data broken down per year from 2019-2024 please and calendar year if possible.

We received your request on 05/02/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

The number of Shoplifting offences per year broken down by outcome

- 1a) How many were recorded as being committed by a child under the age of 10? And the outcome of this if recorded. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17785 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**
- 1b) How many were recorded as being committed by a child aged 10-17? – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17785 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**
- 1c) How many were recorded as being committed by a person aged 18 and over? – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17785 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**

Please note the data disclosed is for where this has been recorded as theft from shops and stalls from 2019 to 2024.

The number of Burglary offences per year broken down by outcome

- 2a) How many were recorded as being committed by a child under the age of 10? And the outcome of this if recorded. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17785 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**
- 2b) How many were recorded as being committed by a child aged 10-17? – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17785 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**
- 2c) How many were recorded as being committed by a person aged 18 and over? – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17785 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**

If you could provide data broken down per year from 2019-2024 please and calendar year if possible. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17785 Shoplifting Offences Data'.**

Please note the data disclosed is for where this has been recorded as a Burglary Residential & Burglary Business and Community from 2019 to 2024. Furthermore, the outcome count will inflate where there are co-defendants. For example if there is a 17 year old and a 20 year old suspect on the same occurrence these will be counted twice. Likewise, outcomes will be significantly less than the crimes as this is by age and only a proportion will have a suspect or offender allocated to them.

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

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as 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 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



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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 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 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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