

19 February 2025

FOI Ref 17808

Request - You asked us the following:

Please can you provide the total number of charges brought for the following offences recorded in your force area, by calendar year, from 2021 onwards.

Driving without due care
Driving without reasonable consideration
Driving while under the influence of alcohol
Driving while under the influence of drugs
Exceeding statutory speed limit on a public road

Clarification received from applicant 11/02/2025

I have been asked by another force for clarification regarding "charges brought" for some of the offences mentioned in my request; where appropriate, please swap charges out for notices of intended prosecution. The point of the request is to have a broad picture of the total number of driving offences in the force area.

I look forward to receiving your final response. Please let me know if you require any further information from me.

Further clarification received 19/02/2025

Thank you for your reply and for this helpful context. I am happy to proceed in accordance with your suggestion above.

We received your request on 10/02/2025 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.

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Driving without due care
Driving without reasonable consideration
Driving while under the influence of alcohol
Driving while under the influence of drugs
Exceeding statutory speed limit on a public road – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 17808 Driving Offences Data'.**

Please note that the data has been disaggregated in two separate tables for drink and drug driving offences.



For drink driving offences, this data has been retrieved from a search of our custody recording system, where an arrest has been effected for one of the following and the most significant disposal has been recorded as Charged or Postally Requisitioned:

- In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)
- Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit (recordable)
- Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drink (recordable)
- Drive whilst unfit through drink (recordable)
- Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit (recordable)
- Cause death by driving without due care and attention / reasonable consideration while unfit through drink (recordable)

For drug driving offences, this has been retrieved from a search of our custody record system, where an arrest has been effected for one of the following and the most significant disposal has been recorded as Charged or Postally Requisitioned:

- Attempt to drive a motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit (recordable)
- Attempt to drive vehicle whilst unfit through drugs (recordable)
- Cause death by driving without due care / consideration while over specified limit - specified controlled drug (recordable)
- Cause death by driving without due care / consideration while unfit through drugs (recordable)
- Drive a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs (recordable)
- Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit (recordable)
- In charge of a motor vehicle with proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit (recordable)

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



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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

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



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