

8 July 2025

FOI Ref 21518

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to request the following information regarding manned speed enforcement equipment (e.g. mobile vans, hand-held radar/LIDAR) within Staffordshire:

How many manned speed enforcement devices were deployed between 01/06/2025 and 30/06/2025?

How frequently are these devices calibrated or tested?

As of 30/06/2025, how many of these devices were within their valid calibration or testing period, and how many, if any, were outside of that period?

Can you provide a list of locations or road names where manned speed enforcement equipment was deployed during June 2025?

How many separate deployment sessions (i.e. instances of manned equipment being actively used at a location) occurred between 01/06/2025 and 30/06/2025?

How many speeding offences were recorded using manned equipment during that same time period?

For each speeding offence recorded by manned speed enforcement equipment between 01/06/2025 and 30/06/2025, please provide:

the date and time of the offence

the location or road name

the recorded speed

the speed limit at that location

the outcome (e.g. Fixed Penalty Notice, court summons, warning, or other)

Please exclude all data related to fixed/static speed cameras from this request.

Email from applicant on 01/07/2025:

I understand that "time of offence", within Q7, would trigger a section 12 exemption and am happy to withdraw this part of the request.

We received your request on 01/07/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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



Staffordshire Police holds some of the requested information.

- How many manned speed enforcement devices were deployed between 01/06/2025 and 30/06/2025? – **Withheld. (Section 31)**
- How frequently are these devices calibrated or tested? – **Disclosed, devices are calibrated every 12 months and are always kept in calibration.**
- As of 30/06/2025, how many of these devices were within their valid calibration or testing period, and how many, if any, were outside of that period? – **Disclosed, all devices were within calibration.**
- Can you provide a list of locations or road names where manned speed enforcement equipment was deployed during June 2025? – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21518 Manned Speed Locations Data'.**
- How many separate deployment sessions (i.e. instances of manned equipment being actively used at a location) occurred between 01/06/2025 and 30/06/2025? – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21518 Manned Speed Locations Data'.**
- How many speeding offences were recorded using manned equipment during that same time period? – **Disclosed, 1889.**

Please note, this figure relates to the number of manned equipment speeding offences that have been processed.

- For each speeding offence recorded by manned speed enforcement equipment between 01/06/2025 and 30/06/2025, please provide:

the date and time of the offence

the location or road name

the recorded speed

the speed limit at that location

the outcome (e.g. Fixed Penalty Notice, court summons, warning, or other) – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21518 Manned Speed Enforcement Equipment Data'**

As agreed please note time has been removed. Likewise, we only record the offence speed limit at the location.

- Please exclude all data related to fixed/static speed cameras from this request. – **Disclosed, this data relates to manned equipment only.**

The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

- Section 31 (1) (a) (b) - Law Enforcement.

Information is exempt from disclosure under S31 (1) (a) (b) where the release of Information would, or would likely to, prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and/ or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. This exemption is qualified and prejudice-based and, as such, we are required to evidence the harm in disclosure and apply the public interest test.

Harm:

Disclosure of information regarding manned equipment would prejudice law enforcement by revealing tactical capabilities, deployment methods or equipment limitations. To release the requested information could have a detrimental impact on how motorists drive, which would lead to an increase in offending and road traffic collisions; therefore, placing the public at a greater risk of harm.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure under Section 31(1)(a)(b)

The public are entitled to know how public funds are spent and how the use of manned speed equipment can have an effect on drivers using the road. Disclosure of the information would show that Staffordshire Police supports transparency and accountability, also showing that appropriate measures are being taken to improve public safety and reduce offending.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 31(1)(a)(b)

Any release of information under the FOI Act is a disclosure to the world, not just to an individual applicant. Manned speed equipment is used to protect the community that we serve and deter motorists from exceeding the speed limit. Disclosure would allow the public to take action to frustrate the operational tactics adopted to enforce road traffic law and this would undermine the police's key function of preventing and detecting crime. Disclosure may also encourage motorists to fail to adhere to the speed limit and would put lives at risk. Disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the apprehension or prosecution of offenders and interfere with law enforcement. Therefore, this could lead to an increase in road traffic collisions.

Balance test

When considering whether disclosure is appropriate, we must weigh the strongest reason for disclosure against the strongest reasons for non-disclosure. In this case, whilst the factors favouring disclosure are important in that it would adhere to the basic principle of being open and transparent, we believe when weighed against the risk of disclosure undermining our ability to prevent and detect crime and hindering our ability to protect the public, then non-disclosure takes precedence.

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 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.

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

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



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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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