

23 July 2025

FOI Ref 21544

Request - You asked us the following:

How many police officers have been assault in each of the following years, 2020, 2021, 2022,2023, 2024?

How many police officers have had injuries due to assaults in the last 5 years?

What does Staffordshire police do following and assault on their officers?

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

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

Staffordshire Police holds/does not hold the requested information.

- How many police officers have been assault in each of the following years, 2020, 2021, 2022,2023, 2024? – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21544 Police Officer Assaults.xlsx'.**
- How many police officers have had injuries due to assaults in the last 5 years? – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21544 Police Officer Assaults.xlsx'.**
- What does Staffordshire police do following and assault on their officers? – **Disclosed, Staffordshire Police follow a 7 Point Plan.**
 1. That being assaulted will never be seen as simply 'part of the job.'
 2. Total Victim Care and the Victim Codes of Practice apply to assaulted officers, staff and volunteers just as much as it does for the public.
 3. The assaulted officer must never be the officer in the case for an investigation into their own assault.
 4. Victims recover better and more quickly if they receive the right welfare and supervision.
 5. A member of the Local Policing Team (LPT) Command Team / Head of department and the Executive Office must be informed as soon as is reasonably practicable of any assault or injury on an officer, staff member or volunteer. This applies to all levels of assaults. The person's manager must review the investigation, resources allocated and welfare support for the officer.
 6. Best evidence must be presented to maximise the chances of prosecution. An assaulted officer, staff member or volunteer should wherever possible have their statement taken by a colleague. A member of police staff should never write their own statement.
 7. An accident report form must be completed by the assaulted officer and their supervisor for all officers, staff and volunteers injured during an assault.

Please note that the 7 point plan is currently under review and an updated policy is currently being developed. Please also note that assault/injury records are only held for 3 years.

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.

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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