



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Our Ref: FOI 21593
Your Ref: FOI 21574
Date: 28 July 2025

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 15/07/2025

We refer to the above request which was expressed in the following terms:

I am requesting the following information:

- The number of Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs) issued by your force to individuals under the age of 18, broken down by:
 - Year (from 2019 to the most recent available)
 - Offence type
 - Age of recipient
 - Gender and ethnicity (if recorded)
- Whether your force has any internal policy or guidance regarding the issuance of PNDs to individuals under 18, and if so, please provide a copy.
- The number of PNDs issued to individuals under 18 that were later withdrawn or cancelled, broken down by year.

Further to the above, we also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review.

Thank you for your response to FOI Ref 21574. I would like to request an internal review, specifically regarding your response "Please be advised Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs) have been discontinued for children under 18."

This conflicts with the Home Office Stop and search open data tables, year ending 31 March 2021 to year ending 31 March 2024 , which lists 3 entries showing Penalty Notices for Disorder issued to individuals aged 10–17 (and 1 entry with no age recorded) by Staffordshire police.

Our Response

Upon review of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above and all corresponding communication, we are of the opinion that the response issued, alongside all clarification provided, fully answers the terms of your request.

However, during this review, we have now reassessed the information provided by ourselves for the Home Office Stop and search open data tables, year ending 31 March 2021 to year ending 31 March 2024 and we note that the entries you refer to contained anomalous data. These records have now been rectified and the Home Office Data tables will be updated upon our next submission.

To reiterate, our initial response was correct in that 'Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs) have been discontinued for children under 18'.

We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

Please be advised that all FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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