

16 June 2025

FOI Ref 21327

Request - You asked us the following:

1. How many defendants did Staffordshire Police Service recommend should be remanded by the courts into prison custody over the last 12 months? (April 2024-April 2025)
2. With reference only to the two-week period of Monday 23rd September 2024 - Sunday 6th October 2024, please provide:
 - a) The total number of defendants Staffordshire Police Service recommended should be remanded into prison custody (i.e. via the MG7 form)
 - b) Out of those defendants the police recommended should be remanded in custody, how many were actually remanded into custody by the courts?
 - c) Please provide this data broken down by:
 - i) the relevant reasons for opposing bail (as selected on the MG7 form) and
 - ii) the most serious offence the defendant was charged with.

I understand that the data to question (2) is usually stored within individual custody records. To prevent this request causing an undue burden upon staff, if there is a very large quantity of remands sent to court within these two weeks, please limit the answer to this request to the first 100 defendants from that period. Using a previous estimate from South Wales Police that each custody record will take 2 minutes to interrogate (FOI 594/25), I believe this should require approximately 3.5 hours work.

We received your request on 09/05/2025 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.

- 1. How many defendants did Staffordshire Police Service recommend should be remanded by the courts into prison custody over the last 12 months? (April 2024-April 2025) – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21327 Individuals Remanded in Custody Data.xlsx'.**
- 2. With reference only to the two-week period of Monday 23rd September 2024 - Sunday 6th October 2024, please provide:
 - The total number of defendants Staffordshire Police Service recommended should be remanded into prison custody (i.e. via the MG7 form) – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21327 Individuals Remanded in Custody Data.xlsx'.**
 - b) Out of those defendants the police recommended should be remanded in custody, how many were actually remanded into custody by the courts? – **No information held.**
- c) Please provide this data broken down by:

- i) the relevant reasons for opposing bail (as selected on the MG7 form) and **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21327 Individuals Remanded in Custody Data.xlsx'.**
- ii) the most serious offence the defendant was charged with. **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21327 Individuals Remanded in Custody Data.xlsx'.**

Please note that the data provided for questions c) i) and ii) has been provided from a manual review of the records that meet the criteria of question 2a only, as question 2b is not held.

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/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 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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