

20 June 2025

FOI Ref 21471

Request - You asked us the following:

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding convictions related to 'crash for cash' insurance scams within your jurisdiction. Please provide the following data for the period January 2020 – December 2024.

Please provide the total number of convictions for offences where the primary modus operandi was identified as a 'crash for cash' insurance scam (e.g., staged road traffic collisions, induced collisions, or ghost collisions for fraudulent insurance claims). This should include convictions for offences such as, but not limited to, fraud by false representation (Fraud Act 2006, Section 2) or conspiracy to defraud.

It is understood that 'crash for cash' may not be a distinct statistical category within your records. If direct figures are not available, please provide data for the closest relevant offence categories where this type of fraud was the identified underlying activity. The request seeks aggregated, anonymised statistical data, not personal details.

We received your request on 17/06/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police does not hold the requested information.

- I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding convictions related to 'crash for cash' insurance scams within your jurisdiction. Please provide the following data for the period January 2020 – December 2024. – **No information held.**
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- It is understood that 'crash for cash' may not be a distinct statistical category within your records. If direct figures are not available, please provide data for the closest relevant offence categories where this type of fraud was the identified underlying activity. The request seeks aggregated, anonymised statistical data, not personal details. – **No information held.**

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

Staffordshire Police do not hold conviction data. We would advise that you approach the Government HM Courts & Tribunals service website.

Please find below links to previously disclosed HMCTS data and details upon how to submit a further Freedom of Information request to the Government HM Courts and Tribunals Service for this information. Make an FOI request - [how to make a request](#).

Check [our previous releases](#) to see if we've already answered your question - [our previous releases](#)

Make a new request by using the details below.

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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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