

10 March 2025

FOI Ref 17678

Request - You asked us the following:

I am seeking information relating to confiscation orders under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

For each year between 2022-2024 (2022, 2023 and 2024) please provide the 10 cases with the largest "criminal benefit". Please detail for these ten cases the value of the criminal benefit, the value of the confiscation order obtained, and the total value that has been recovered to date.

I would like the information to be provided in a spreadsheet format

We received your request on 16/01/2025 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.

- For each year between 2022-2024 (2022, 2023 and 2024) please provide the 10 cases with the largest "criminal benefit". Please detail for these ten cases the value of the criminal benefit, the value of the confiscation order obtained, and the total value that has been recovered to date. – **Neither confirm nor deny.**
- I would like the information to be provided in a spreadsheet format – **Neither confirm nor deny.**

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 23(5) – Information supplied by, or concerning certain security bodies
Section 23 is an absolute class-based exemption and as such does not require the application of a Public Interest Test.

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.

You may be able to locate the data you require from already published information by the Government at the below link;

[Asset recovery statistics - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/asset-recovery-statistics)



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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



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