

20 May 2025

FOI Ref 21328

Request - You asked us the following:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information act to request data you have recorded on conduct investigations into police perpetrated domestic abuse (PPDA) led by your police force, from 1 January 2021 to 31 April 2025.

Specifically, I request the following information. Please send the response in an Excel spreadsheet.

1) PPDA CONDUCT CASES. The number of conduct cases instigated against police officers, and the number of individual officers they relate to, involving domestic abuse from 1 January 2021 to 31 April 2025. If your force does not have a specific flag used on Centurion to identify domestic abuse cases, please apply the methodology that you would usually use to identify and report on such cases, for example by searching for key words within the allegation summary field.

Please describe the methodology used. If your methodology is manual and time consuming to the extent that responding to the question would exceed time constraints, please limit your response to a reasonable time frame by starting with a later year, and describe the dates covered.

Please break down the number of cases by year and specify the number of individuals involved as well as the total number of cases:

2) PPDA CONDUCT OFFICER RANK. For the individuals identified above, please specify the rank of the police officer

3) PPDA CONDUCT INITIAL OUTCOMES. For the cases identified above, please break down the initial outcomes of all conduct cases over the entire period (not broken down by year or rank etc).

4) PPDA CONDUCT CASE TO ANSWER OUTCOMES. For the cases identified above where there was a case to answer, please break down the action taken for all such cases over the entire period (not broken down by year or rank etc).

5) PPDA CONDUCT FORMAL ACTION TAKEN. For the cases identified above where there was formal action taken, please break down the sanction enforced, for all such cases over the entire period (not broken down by year or rank etc).

6) SIZE OF WORKFORCE. Please provide a snapshot of the number of police officers working for your force as of 31st December each year, and on 31st April 2025, by group of rank.

If that is not possible, please provide a snapshot at another specified date each year.

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 some of the requested information.

- 1) PPDA CONDUCT CASES. The number of conduct cases instigated against police officers, and the number of individual officers they relate to, involving domestic abuse from 1 January 2021 to 31 April 2025
If your force does not have a specific flag used on Centurion to identify domestic abuse cases, please apply the methodology that you would usually use to identify and report on such cases, for example by searching for key words within the allegation summary field.
Please describe the methodology used. If your methodology is manual and time consuming to the extent that responding to the question would exceed time constraints, please limit your response to a reasonable time frame by starting with a later year, and describe the dates covered.
Please break down the number of cases by year and specify the number of individuals involved as well as the total number of cases: - **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21328 Domestic Abuse Conduct Investigations Data'.**
- 2) PPDA CONDUCT OFFICER RANK. For the individuals identified above, please specify the rank of the police officer - **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21328 Domestic Abuse Conduct Investigations Data'.**
- 3) PPDA CONDUCT INITIAL OUTCOMES. For the cases identified above, please break down the initial outcomes of all conduct cases over the entire period (not broken down by year or rank etc). - **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21328 Domestic Abuse Conduct Investigations Data'.**
- 4) PPDA CONDUCT CASE TO ANSWER OUTCOMES. For the cases identified above where there was a case to answer, please break down the action taken for all such cases over the entire period (not broken down by year or rank etc). – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 5) PPDA CONDUCT FORMAL ACTION TAKEN. For the cases identified above where there was formal action taken, please break down the sanction enforced, for all such cases over the entire period (not broken down by year or rank etc). – **Disclosed, nil.**
- 6) SIZE OF WORKFORCE. Please provide a snapshot of the number of police officers working for your force as of 31st December each year, and on 31st April 2025, by group of rank. - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21328 Domestic Abuse Conduct Investigations Data'.**

Please be advised that data is only held from November 2022 onwards as this is when the introduction of the recording category 'PPDA' was created on the system used to service this request.

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 cases 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.



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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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