

5 November 2025

FOI Ref 21940

Request - You asked us the following:

1. Please provide data showing how many report of shootings your force has received between 2020-2025. Please break data down per year. For the year 2025, please provide data as close to the present date as possible.

Please search for the terms "gunshot", "gun shot", "shooting", "firearm", "bullet", "shot".

A shooting is defined as the act of discharging a firearm.

2. Please also provide data showing how many firearms you have recovered and confiscated between 2020-2025. Please break data down per year. For the year 2025, please provide data as close to the present date as possible. Please include all confiscations.

See definition of a firearm here: <https://www.cps.gov.uk/legal-guidance/firearms>

We received your request on 08/10/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds/does not hold the requested information.

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Please search for the terms "gunshot", "gun shot", "shooting", "firearm", "bullet", "shot".
A shooting is defined as the act of discharging a firearm. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21940 Shooting Reports Data'.**

Please be advised that a keyword search has been carried out on our incident recording system database for "gunshot", "gun shot", "shooting", "firearm", "bullet", "shot". Please note, further incidents may have occurred where the incident log does not contain any of the free text search words and would not be included in this dataset.

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See definition of a firearm here: <https://www.cps.gov.uk/legal-guidance/firearms> – **Unknown.***

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.



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*We have made numerous exhaustive attempts to obtain the data you have requested from the relevant data holders within the force. However, following all attempts, we have been unable to receive a satisfactory response from the data holder with which to provide a response to your request. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your information request, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The easiest way to lodge your appeal is via their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure for Question 1

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:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
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 Information Access Team 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 a Supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team 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 Supervisor 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 Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant 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 link:
<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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