

4 November 2025

FOI Ref 22002

Request - You asked us the following:

Please provide the following information for the last available 12 months' data in relation to:

- a. All female victims of domestic abuse
- b. All female victims of sexual offences

If you are unable to provide data for all female victims, please provide the data for:

- a. All victims of domestic abuse
- b. All victims of sexual offences

The information sought is:

1. In what proportion of cases is the victim's ethnicity recorded on the police electronic system?
2. What is the ethnic breakdown of those victims for whom ethnicity is recorded?
Please state whether the ethnicity recorded is self-assessed or based on police IC codes.

Please additionally provide the following information:

3. Is the recording of a victim's ethnicity a mandatory field on your force's electronic system?
4. If so, please can you confirm when this was made a mandatory field.
5. Please can you confirm what steps, if any, you have taken since 1 May 2024 to improve the recording of victims' race and ethnicity data on your systems, including any technology solutions, training or policy/guidance provided to officers.

We received your request on 22/10/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

Please provide the following information for the last available 12 months' data in relation to:

- a. All female victims of domestic abuse – **Disclosed, 9,167.**
- b. All female victims of sexual offences – **Disclosed, 2,678.**

If you are unable to provide data for all female victims, please provide the data for:

- a. All victims of domestic abuse – **Not applicable.**

b. All victims of sexual offences – **Not applicable.**

The information sought is:

1. In what proportion of cases is the victim's ethnicity recorded on the police electronic system? – **No information held.**

2. What is the ethnic breakdown of those victims for whom ethnicity is recorded? - **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22002 Victim Data'.**

Please be advised the total figure may not match questions a and b, as a victim may have more than one self-defined ethnicity recorded.

Please state whether the ethnicity recorded is self-assessed or based on police IC codes. – **Disclosed, Self defined ethnicity.**

Please additionally provide the following information:

3. Is the recording of a victim's ethnicity a mandatory field on your force's electronic system? – **Disclosed yes.**

4. If so, please can you confirm when this was made a mandatory field. – **Disclosed, March 2024.**

5. Please can you confirm what steps, if any, you have taken since 1 May 2024 to improve the recording of victims' race and ethnicity data on your systems, including any technology solutions, training or policy/guidance provided to officers. – **Disclosed, A report is run weekly to ensure that the data is updated. The force internally reports on any data missing so that this can be followed up.**

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 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.

Consequently, 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:

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, considering the matters raised by the complaint.

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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