

20 November 2025

FOI Ref 22021

Request - You asked us the following:

How many type 17 Outcomes

(Prosecution Time Limit Expired: Suspect Identified But Prosecution Time Limit Has Expired) have been recorded by the Force, for the following offence:

66B(1) Sexual Offences Act 2003,

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/section/66B>

The percentage of cases where a decision to prosecute (of the total number of offences reported) was made, where the Officer in Charge is/was a Civilian Investigator - The Offences I am seeking this information for:

Offences relating to Stalking and Harassment - offences under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/40/contents>

Offences relating to Voyeurism - Sections 67 and 67A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/section/67>

Offence of Sending etc photograph or film of genitals/Cyberflashing - offence at 66A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/section/66A>

Offences relating to Coercive or controlling behaviour - offences under 76 and 76A of the Serious Crime Act 2015

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/9/section/76>

Offences relating to sharing intimate images without consent, for all four offences under 66B of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/section/66B>

Offences under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/21/section/127>

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Section 33 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/2/section/33>

I understand this offence has been repealed.

Please may I request this information for the last 10 years (for offences which were in force at the time).
For offences which were not in force 10 years ago, please may I request data from when recorded.

The percentage of cases where a decision to prosecute (of the total number of offences reported) was made, where the Officer in Charge is or was a sworn/warranted Police Officer (of any rank) with powers of arrest - The Offences I am seeking this information for:

Offences relating to Stalking and Harassment - offences under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/40/contents>

Offences relating to Voyeurism - Sections 67 and 67A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/section/67>

Offence of Sending etc photograph or film of genitals/Cyberflashing - offence at 66A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/section/66A>

Offences relating to Coercive or controlling behaviour - offences under 76 and 76A of the Serious Crime Act 2015

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Offences relating to sharing intimate images without consent, for all four offences under 66B of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

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The number of Data Access Requests (in relation to Cyber Crime) made by the Force. And, the number of responses received by the Force (from the sites). Please might it be possible to request this information for the last 15 years.

We received your request on 27/10/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

The following exemption has been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
- Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer parts of this request. For the time period requested, there have been in excess of 18,500 of the listed offences whereby a staffing category has not been completed on our crime recording system. In order to ascertain whether the Officer in charge of the case was a 'Civilian Investigator' or a 'Police Officer (of any rank) with powers of arrest' the record for each blank staffing category field would require a manual review. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each record.

From dip sampling, it has been estimated that it would take approximately 3 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 925 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by some considerable margin.

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.

In order to refine your request, data can be provided for the total number of 66B(1) offences under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 whereby the outcome was recorded as outcome 17 from 2017 onwards. Data can also be provided for the number of data access requests made by the force to companies in the last five years if you were to name the specific companies you require the data for i.e Facebook etc. Please be advised that we do not readily record whether these companies have responded on the system used to service this request, we will only be able to state how many requests the Force has made to them.

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, taking into account 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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