

7 October 2025

FOI Ref 21935

Request - You asked us the following:

Hope you're well. Thank you for your response below, I'm getting in touch to find out if it may be possible to carry out the FOI search using different parameters, as I've had successful responses from the majority of forces and would like to be able to get data from those forces who have not been able to respond yet. Please see below for a couple of options:

Q) How many instances of parcel theft (HO Offence Code 042/0 - theft of mail bag or postal packet) where the words 'doorstep/front door/porch/lobby/postbox/letterbox' are included were reported between the following dates: 01/01/2021 - 26/08/2025. I would like this information broken down by calendar year, and with the results for 2025 so far separate.

Q) Please could you share a breakdown of these instances by month for each of the date ranges provided (i.e Jan 2021, Feb 2021 etc through to Aug 2025 so far)

Q) Could you let me know the number of thefts, broken down by month from Jan 2021 - August 2025, that have led to a Type 1 outcome (ie. charge/summons/postal requisition) and also the number that have led to a Type 18 outcome (Investigation Complete; No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible-Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available)

We received your request on 07/10/2025 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.

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- Q) Please could you share a breakdown of these instances by month for each of the date ranges provided (i.e Jan 2021, Feb 2021 etc through to Aug 2025 so far) – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21935 Refinement of FOI 21743 Parcel Theft Data'.**

Please note, that if a month is not listed in the data, this indicates that no crimes were recorded during that period.

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Please be advised this dataset includes only records where the outcome is classified as either a Type 1 or Type 18 outcome.

Please note that the data presented has been retrieved by conducting a free text search of our crime/occurrence recording system from 01/01/2021 to 07/10/2025 for the following terms within the occurrence record MO – 'doorstep/front door/porch/lobby/postbox/letterbox'. Additional offences may have occurred where this does not appear within the crime log text.

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.

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:

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167



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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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