

9 October 2025

FOI Ref 21943

Request - You asked us the following:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information related to the recording of transgender hate crimes.

Please can I request the data for the following for the dates 01/01/2015 to 30/09/2025 inclusive:

1. a) The number of transgender hate crimes reported per year from 2015 to 2025 inclusive.
b) For 2024 and 2025, please break these down by month.
2. a) What types of offence were these - e.g. public order offences, violence against the person without injury, criminal damage and arson, violence against a person with injury, stalking and harassment.
b) For 2024 and 2025, please break these down by month.
3. a) Of those where there was violence with an injury, what were the outcomes of this? E.g the victim was hospitalised/died/ sustained life-changing injuries.
b) for 2024 and 2025 please break these down by month.
4. The outcomes of reports of transgender hate crimes reported from 2015 to 2025 inclusive.

Please perform a search on your Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2015 and 30/09/2025 where the hate tags of 'Transphobic' and 'Gender Identity - Trans' have been applied.

We received your request on 08/10/2025 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 this request. For the time period requested, for violent crimes where a transgender hate flag has been applied there have been in excess of 300 occurrences. In order to determine whether there was violence with injury, and the outcome for the victim for these occurrences, the record for each offence would require 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 10 minutes to review each record to answer this request, this would equate to over 50 hours. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the Freedom of Information 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.

If question 3 was withdrawn, Staffordshire Police would be able to provide the following:

1. a) The number of transgender hate crimes reported per year from 2015 to 2025 inclusive.
b) For 2024 and 2025, broken down by month.
2. a) These offences broken down by Home Office Category.
b) For 2024 and 2025, broken down by month.
3. The outcomes of reports of transgender hate crimes reported from 2015 to 2025 inclusive.

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

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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