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13 October 2025

FOI Ref 21945

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding reports of drink spiking.

Please could you provide the relevant information for the period between 1 January 2025 until 1 October 2025.

For each report concerning drink spiking, please could you provide the following:

1. A monthly breakdown of the numbers of drink spiking reports filed.
2. The age group of the person who filed the drink spiking report, categorised as follows: 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61+.
3. The gender of the person who filed the report.

Please could I have the response in an Excel spreadsheet. In regards to 1), 2), and 3) , I would like it in this format:

Column A: Months (January, February, March, etc...)

Column B: Number of males per month

Column C: Number of females per month

Column D: Age group 11-20

Column E: Age group 21-30

Column F: Age group 31-40

Column G: Age group 41-50

Column H: Age group 51-60

Column I: Age group 60+

If you feel that my request is unclear or too broad, I would be grateful if you could provide me with some guidance as to how I could refine it.

Clarification received on 10/10/2025:

I am requesting data on the victim who filed the report.

We received your request on 09/10/2025 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 could you provide the relevant information for the period between 1 January 2025 until 1 October 2025.

For each report concerning drink spiking, please could you provide the following:

- 1. A monthly breakdown of the numbers of drink spiking reports filed. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21945 Drink Spiking Reports Data.xlsx'.**
- 2. The age group of the person who filed the drink spiking report, categorised as follows: 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61+. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21945 Drink Spiking Reports Data.xlsx'.**
- 3. The gender of the person who filed the report. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21945 Drink Spiking Reports Data.xlsx'.**

Please be advised that we have extracted the data from a search of our crime/occurrence recording system for the following offences: administering a substance with intent to injure or annoy, administering poison as to endanger life and administering a substance with intent. We have also conducted a manual review in order to confirm that the offence took place via a drink allegedly being spiked. Please also be advised that we have disaggregated the data to avoid personal information being disclosed.

Please also note that there are 11 ongoing investigations which we have excluded from the dataset.

The following exemption has been applied:

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

- Section 30(1)(a)(b) – Criminal Investigations

Section 30 is qualified and class based and, as such, we are required to apply the public interest test.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the information would improve the public's knowledge and understanding of the investigatory process and, as all police investigations are publicly funded, would show how public funds are being spent.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 30(1)(a)(b)

Disclosure of the requested information would prejudice how investigations are carried out in the future. Staffordshire Police is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. Any release of information relating to ongoing investigations could prejudice and undermine those investigations. The prevention and detection of such matters could therefore be hindered and therefore risk interference with evidence, which could have detrimental impact on future investigations. In addition, the right to a fair trial could be undermined.

Balance test

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant. Having considered the public interest factors we are required to determine



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whether on balance the factors favouring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is our view that the factors favouring disclosure do not outweigh those which favour non-disclosure.

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



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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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