

22 October 2025

FOI Ref 21961

Request - You asked us the following:

Thank you for your reply and yes, the dates would be very suitable and relevant. [20/05/2020 - 11/08/2025]

Once again, I thank you for the information that you can supply and realise the effort taken to get this

Original Request - FOI 21961:

I am writing an article for spark news that is attached to our university highlighting the world of Human Trafficking and all that it reveals in the UK. Additionally for my final assignment an investigation on Human Trafficking in the UK.

I would like to know where the people who have been involved in Human Trafficking are from originally (That have been arrested and charged in the UK) Under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 Period 2020-2025.

Secondly victims, where is their original country and their ages Period 2020-2025.

I do realise that this is sensitive data, and I do not want to know their address, just the country they are from, as I am compiling a list of countries that these crimes originate and the question has never been answered.

As I am sure this is a very delicate topic and I appreciate your views and discretion but would like comments on the current situation please in the UK, additionally what are the thoughts as a force in the UK

We received your request on 14/10/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds/does not hold the requested information.

- I would like to know where the people who have been involved in Human Trafficking are from originally (That have been arrested and charged in the UK) Under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 Period 2020-2025. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21961 Refinement of FOI 21721 Human Trafficking Data.xlsx'.**
- Secondly victims, where is their original country and their ages Period 2020-2025. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file titled 'FOI 21961 Refinement of FOI 21721 Human Trafficking Data.xlsx'.**

- As I am sure this is a very delicate topic and I appreciate your views and discretion but would like comments on the current situation please in the UK, additionally what are the thoughts as a force in the UK – **No information held.**

Please note that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to create information to answer questions generally; only if the information is already held in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form.

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/incidents 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.

Staffordshire Police can neither confirm nor deny whether further information relevant to this request is held, as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

- Section 23(5) – Information supplied by, or concerning certain security bodies
Section 23 is an absolute class-based exemption and as such does not require the application of a Public Interest Test.

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



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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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