

24 October 2025

FOI Ref 21993

Request - You asked us the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding arrests and charges under the Vagrancy Act 1824.

Arrests:

Total number of people arrested under the Vagrancy Act 1824 during the period:

- * 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023
- * 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024
- * 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025
- * 22 February 2022 - most recent date available For each, please provide the reasons for arrest and the frequency of each reason.

Charges:

Total number of people charged under the Vagrancy Act 1824 during the period:

- * 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023
- * 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024
- * 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025
- * 22 February 2022 - most recent date available For each, please provide the subject of the charges and the frequency of each charge.

Format:

- * Please segment the data by each of the requested time periods
- * Where possible, provide data by date of arrest and charge
- * Please provide data segmented by age using the following groups: 16-17, 18-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46-55, 56-65, 66+
- * Preferred format: CSV, with labelled columns for age group, date, reason/charge, and frequency

We received your request on 20/10/2025 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.

- Total number of people arrested under the Vagrancy Act 1824 during the period:
 - * 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023 – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21993 Vagrancy Act Arrests and Charges Data'.**
 - * 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024 – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 21993 Vagrancy Act Arrests and Charges Data'.**

* 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025 – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled ‘FOI 21993 Vagrancy Act Arrests and Charges Data’.**

* 22 February 2022 - most recent date available – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled ‘FOI 21993 Vagrancy Act Arrests and Charges Data’.**

For each, please provide the reasons for arrest and the frequency of each reason. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled ‘FOI 21993 Vagrancy Act Arrests and Charges Data’.**

- Total number of people charged under the Vagrancy Act 1824 during the period:

* 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023 – **Nil.**

* 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024 – **Nil.**

* 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025 – **Nil.**

* 22 February 2022 - most recent date available – **Nil.**

For each, please provide the subject of the charges and the frequency of each charge. – **Nil.**

Format:

* Please segment the data by each of the requested time periods – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled ‘FOI 21993 Vagrancy Act Arrests and Charges Data’.**

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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:

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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