

1 September 2025

FOI Ref 21660

Request - You asked us the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please supply the following for the period 1 Jan 2019 to the most recent month available:

1. Monthly arrest totals broken down by Home Office crime type.
2. Recorded offences and separate arrest totals for:
 - Knife enabled crime
 - Gang related violence
 - Residential burglary
 - Sexual offences
3. Grooming gang investigations: number opened, number concluded, prosecutions secured.
4. Arrests, charges, or convictions involving foreign national suspects (please break down by nationality if held).
5. Cases closed with "No Further Action" (NFA) – provide count and % of total.
6. Recorded allegations that the force failed to act on reports of child sexual exploitation (outcome of each).
7. Stop and search and use of force incidents (form 5090) – monthly totals by ethnicity, age, and outcome.

Please supply the data in CSV or XLSX format with column headers. If any element is refused, kindly provide the specific statutory exemption and confirm whether any partial disclosure is possible.

I look forward to your response within 20 working days, in accordance with section 10 FOIA.

We received your request on 30/07/2025 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. This is because on 20th May 2020 Staffordshire Police implemented a new case management system. This system brought data from a number of legacy systems into one to provide a single nominal record, including the custody system. The old custody system has now been decommissioned and as a result there is no search facility to be able to retrieve the requested data. It would entail searching thousands of records to establish if it fitted the criteria of the request. To extract this data would therefore require a very

labour-intensive manual trawl through each record. Furthermore, in order to determine the number of grooming gang investigations and the number of recorded allegations of Staffordshire Police failing to act on reports of child sexual exploitation (if held), manual reviews of relevant investigations and occurrence records would need to be conducted, which would involve the manual review of thousands of records. 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 your request was amended, Staffordshire Police may be able to provide a response to the following:

1. Monthly arrest totals broken down by a manual grouping of arrest reason (which is a best fit for Home Office Crime Categories) between 20/05/2020 and 30/07/2025.
2. Recorded offences between 01/01/2019 and 30/07/2025 for crimes with a knife crime flag added, residential burglary offences and sexual offences.
3. Arrests and charges involving foreign nationals between 20/05/2020 and 30/07/2025, broken down by nationality.
4. The total number of occurrences logged by Staffordshire Police between 01/01/2019 and 30/07/2025 broken down by outcome.
5. The number of stop and search incidents recorded between 01/01/2019 and 30/07/2025, broken down by ethnicity, age and outcome.
6. The number of Use of Force forms submitted between 01/01/2019 and 30/07/2025. However please be advised that there may be more than one Use of Force form submitted per occurrence, with multiple officers completing Use of Force forms for one individual Use of Force.

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:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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 Central Disclosure Unit 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 Central Disclosure Unit 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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