

18 August 2026

FOI Ref 23167

Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting data regarding the enforcement of vehicle lighting offences, specifically focusing on non-compliant, aftermarket, or dazzling headlamps (e.g., retrofitted LED or HID bulbs in halogen housings).

Please could you provide the following information for the last six calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024) broken down by year:

1. The total number of Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) and Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued for the following specific CJS offence code:
2. RL89171:
 - Use a motor vehicle on a road where the aim of the headlamp beam was used to cause undue dazzle / discomfort.
3. If your electronic recording system allows for a keyword search within the free-text "officer notes" or "offence particulars" field without exceeding the Section 12 cost limit, please provide the number of the above offences (or general lighting offences) where the officer notes contain any of the following keywords:
 - "LED"
 - "HID"
 - "Xenon"
 - "Aftermarket"
 - "Retrofit"
4. The total number of Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) notices or PG9 Prohibition notices issued specifically for non-compliant front headlamps.

If providing data for Question 2 or Question 3 triggers the Section 12 cost limit, please discard those questions and proceed with answering Question 1 alone. If providing data for the first part of the question triggers the Section 12 cost limit, please prioritise the most recent years listed.

I would prefer to receive this information in an electronic format, such as Excel or CSV. Please provide a column for the following: Year, number of TORs and number of FPNs. If also answering question 3, please also include a column of the number of offenses where the above terms were included.

SP received your request on 22/07/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below SP's response.



SP holds/does not hold the following requested information.

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Due to technical issues SP are unable to extract this data from the relevant system.

All Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP 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 SP, 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 SP 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty 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, considering 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/>

Freedom of Information
Information Access Team