

27 August 2026

FOI Ref 23243

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

I am writing on behalf of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Manchester regarding the offence of grooming. We are seeking statistics of polish victims of grooming and grooming gangs, whether they are minor or adults, and we would like to enquire if the Staffordshire Police is in possession of such statistics and whether you could share those statistics with the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Manchester, if such statistics are available. We would mostly be interested in numbers of polish victims of grooming crimes in the Staffordshire region. The purpose of trying to collect this information is to inform polish citizens and their families living in the UK or planning to come to the UK about such offence and how to prevent it or avoid it.

Time period The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland requires the data for - Since the entry of Poland to the EU - 1st of May 2004

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Thank you in advance for any help.

SP received your request on 07/08/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds/does not hold the requested information.

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The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland searches for the data in relation to both, children and adults, however if the data is only available regarding children, then this information will also be highly appreciated. – **Partially disclosed, there are 3 recorded victims of grooming or where a child sexual exploitation flag has been applied to the offence. All of these are children.**

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.

SP 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 exemptions:

- Section 23(5) – Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters

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 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

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
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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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